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## ABSTRACT

This document provides interpretive and bibliographical information concerning Christopher Columbus and his voyages to the New World. Following a preface, Part A of the sourcebook presents four authors' "Introductory Perspectives" on the meaning of Columbus' contacts with the Americas. Part B consists of resources on: (1) "Europe and the Americas in the 15th and 16th Centuries"; (2) "Columbus, His Voyages, and Other Early Explorations"; (3) "Impacts on Europe and the World"; (4) "Impacts on the Western Hemisphere"; (5) "Ecological and Agricultural Impacts"; (6) "Slavery"; (7) "Indians of North America"; (8) "Indians in Washington and the Impact of Treaty Making"; (9) "Historiography of Columbus"; (10) "Other References and Directories"; and (11) "Major Quincentennial Events in Washington." Appendices provide notes about the sourcebook's contributors and an index of authors and editors. (SG)

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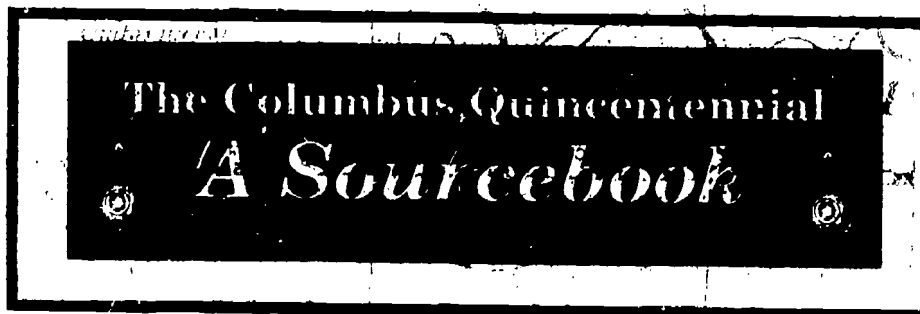
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## Preface

The Washington Center's Quincentennial Sourcebook Project arose out of numbers of requests for materials and sources on the Quincentennial from librarians, faculty, multicultural services staff, and students at our participating colleges. Amidst the first media blizzard about Columbus and his legacies in the fall of 1991, these individuals voiced a need for an overview of recent scholarship, not only about Columbus and the impacts of the "encounter," but also about Native Americans today.

We drew together a small group of teachers, scholars and activists to shape a modest resource guide. But we rapidly learned that bibliographic enterprises are infinite in their possibilities, and every new conversation we had with colleagues revealed new sources. You will see that for the most part, we have cited books. Where we have found especially useful journal articles or movies or video tapes, we have listed those as well, but we want you to know that our materials in these categories are not at all exhaustive. In the several major strands of this sourcebook, we know there must be omissions, particularly works which are appearing in print even as we hurry to get this to press.

Other strands, we simply did not attempt to address. For example, there is a tremendous amount of scholarship about the conquest and colonization of Central and South America, much of it in Spanish and Portuguese, which we did not attempt to cite. In addition, there are small but growing amounts of new scholarship about the histories of both Europe and Africa, and how the "encounter" affected peoples on both of these continents. Important works are emerging, many of them in languages other than English.

Responding to the requests we received, we have shaped a large portion of this sourcebook around Indians in North America today, and particularly Indians in Washington state. We believe we have created a unique resource for our region. In addition, there are several other excellent sourcebooks and resource guides on the topic of the Quincentennial that are cited in Section 10 of this sourcebook.

A note about language. We use the terms "Indian" and "Native American" interchangeably, as Native Americans in our region do. We use the word "tribe" with reference to Indian tribes in the North America, but we acknowledge that "tribe" is a complicated term which is often misused, or abused, with reference to other indigenous peoples in the world.

The sourcebook contributors who came together to plan this project volunteered their time in the midst of heavy teaching, writing and artistic commitments. We are grateful for their persistence and care in drawing together both the essays and annotated

bibliographies, and giving of their time far beyond what any of us originally anticipated. We would also like to thank Jim Bauermeister, Karen James, Kathryn Shanley, and Tom Rainey for reading different sections of the sourcebook, and suggesting additional materials.

Lee Lyttle, multicultural reference librarian at The Evergreen State College library, gave us good advice at the outset about structuring the sourcebook, and he tracked down many of our periodical citations. Evergreen's non-print librarians, Marcus Frank and Jane Fisher, did the audiovisual research. Washington Center staff member Tina Floyd checked sources, and Becky Wonderly gathered essential information about Washington Tribes and upcoming Quincentennial events in the region. Roberta Pinson transcribed hours of audio-tape from the working meeting of the contributors, and Tom Maddox turned Bob Matthew's talk into a first draft of prose. Robert Keefe and Robert Cole helped us in myriad ways through the mysteries of desk-top publishing. The Evergreen Graphics staff created the cover design. All these people were a pleasure to work with, and their excitement for the project propelled us forward.

October 12, 1992, and indeed the year leading up to it, has been a galvanizing event for the world to look back with new eyes, and to look forward. We hope this sourcebook will be useful for years to come, stimulating new forms of dialogue, research, and exploration for ways to live together in this world that was forever changed in 1492.

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## **Part A. Introductory Perspectives**

### **Columbus Then and Now**



## **Exploration, Exploitation and Explanation: Columbus in History and Historiography**

adapted from a talk given by Robert Matthews at a meeting  
of the Quincentennial Sourcebook Contributors, November 15, 1991

### **INTRODUCTION**

Let me open by stating that I am, by no means, a Columbus expert. I became involved in the Quincentennial when I was asked to direct the New York University-Columbia Consortium's Summer Institute on Latin America, which in 1991 treated the theme of the encounter of 1492 and its legacy today. I had the task of delivering the opening lecture called "Exploration, Exploitation and Explanation: Columbus in History and Historiography."

In organizing the conference I was responsible for seeing that in each day, we achieved the basic goal of the conference, which was to link 1492 to contemporary North and South America. We identified four areas for discussion: the human dimension, the economic dimension, the environment, and finally, the quest for Latin American identity through literature and folklore. We arranged the program with the idea that the morning sessions on history would set the stage for a reflection on the degree to which we saw continuities between 1492 and today--either continuities that could be traced in a direct line or simply reflections of cultural patterns that reproduce themselves through the centuries down to today. Thus, we invited people who are specialists in both history and contemporary Latin America. So that's the caveat: I'm a Latin Americanist, not a Columbus scholar, and I may not address all of your concerns. But my presentation may serve as a reaction paper which you can feel free to critique, challenge and amend.

I want to add before I begin, that I'm interested in learning as much as I can about the Washington and Pacific Northwest perspective on the Quincentennial, because I think that's where you all can make a real contribution rather than merely replicating what's going on elsewhere. So as I talk about Latin America, you can be thinking more of the links with your own interests.

### **Terminology**

The first point I want to make, before we get into discussing issues, relates to terminology. I have trouble with the use of "discovery" on two levels. First, referring to the "discovery of America" implies that the New World continents did not exist before they were discovered. Moreover, even when clarified as "the European discovery of America," it is a narrow conception. In truth, the discoveries were mutual and multiple in the New World. "Encounter" is a term that is now being used as substitute for discovery. I have trouble with that also: I think "encounter" has a slightly frivolous tone, connoting a casualness that the facts belie. The arrival of Columbus' three ships and 90

men was both more and less than an encounter.

Second, I have a problem with the term "discovery" because I do not believe that discovery should be segregated from conquest. When we studied this period in Latin American history, discovery and exploration were followed by a period of conquest. But it was conquest from the beginning, and maybe we should use conquest, incomplete though it was in several respects, as the operative term to describe the New World events of 1492 and after.

## 1492: THE ISSUES

### Columbus the Individual

As soon as I look at this whole issue, the first question that comes to my mind is, "Should the Quincentenary debate focus on Columbus to the degree that it does?" Do we really want to play the game of the Great Man Theory of history, minimizing the role of larger social and economic forces? Do we not fall into the same trap as the idolizers when we respond with Columbus-bashing--that is, overemphasizing the historical impact of the lone individual at the expense of a broader critique of what this event really signified? We also may risk diverting attention from the misdeeds of subsequent generations in the New World, who were not necessarily even Italian, Spanish or Portuguese.

On the other hand, I think we're forced by the nature of the Quincentennial to respond in some way to Columbus. I do not think we can ignore him. I'll just give you two quick examples of why this is necessary. During the seven-part Public Broadcasting System's television series on Columbus, the mayor of Columbus, Ohio stood in front of the statue of Columbus, and referred to the admiral as a man of "iron guts" who represented everything that is good and decent and right and honorable about America. And what is interesting is this was in the last five minutes of the last show of the series--clearly they were ending on this kind of noble note. There is a sentiment out there that Columbus represents something of a Western ideal: the will to conquer in its most positive, productive sense.

The second example is from your own state legislature here in Washington. I know it is well known to some of you here, but it's worth repeating. This is from the first paragraph of a March 31, 1989 resolution: "The legislature [of the state of Washington] finds and declares the year of 1992, being the quincentenniai of the first voyage of Christopher Columbus to the Americas, as a time for all people in the State of Washington to reflect upon and celebrate the significance of the events which have occurred in the Americas since the Genovese navigator and sponsor for the Spanish crown first discovered the land and befriended the people of the western hemisphere." [my emphasis]

Now the word "befriended" is the key. Up to that point, there's not that much to take issue with, but with that one word the whole paragraph is transformed and the whole question of the agenda becomes very clear. The word befriended is so far from the reality that it's not just a question of being slightly politically incorrect. Befriended is not a term that Samuel Eliot Morison, the great admirer of Columbus, would have used when he talked about Columbus' relationship to the Indians. In fact, nobody really maintains that Columbus came over here to befriend the Indians. In 1989, in a state in which a significant percentage of the population is Native American, the word can only be interpreted as offensive and insensitive.

I mention these things to remind us that though we may want to discuss the forces of history rather than become trapped in sterile debates on the relative heroism or evil of an individual, for any number of reasons, we still have to be able to answer to this kind of unrestrained praise for Columbus and the distortion of his historical record.

### Columbus' Personality

If we decide to tackle Columbus, an important issue is his relationship to the era in which he lived. Was he a product of the period of time he lived in? Was he an aberration? Was he a symbol of the time? And exactly what is the time we're talking about, because the era of conquest straddles the period of the Middle Ages and Renaissance.

My own feeling is that Columbus utilized Renaissance technology and a kind of Renaissance spirit of adventure to propel him forward, but the goal of the trip was ultimately a medieval goal. Columbus was on a crusade. This may explain why gold was so important to him. His detractors accuse him of greediness, of being an ego-maniac in his pursuit of riches and titles (he even claimed the ten thousand *maravedis* prize which should have gone to crew member Rodrigo Triana for having first sighted land). Yet other scholars have shown a consistency between these ambitious attitudes and his medieval messianic vision. Columbus sought gold, but as much to legitimize his voyage and fund further crusades as to satisfy any streak of avarice. This is all in his logs, by the way, to the point that at the end he almost seems to have lost touch with reality. He believes in sea monsters, and he's steeped in medieval writings about the New Jerusalem that he seeks. He really wants to go on a sort of ultimate crusade for Christianity.

Columbus' ego cannot really be disentangled from this religious mission. Personal success would translate into greater opportunities to serve his God. It's difficult to know whether his messianic ideology necessarily formed his ego, or his egocentric personality found an outlet in a species of redeemer complex. Even his cruelty toward Native Americans stemmed from his belief that nothing should get in the way of his ideological project to Christianize the New World. It's clear that in Columbus' own mind, God's glory, above all, was bound up tightly with his successful ventures and attendant glory on earth.

The foregoing should not be construed as an apologia of Columbus, but an attempt to place him in the context of his time and to understand his importance as part of a continuum to the present. This rigorous moral vision, predicated on an *a priori* certitude in the righteousness of one's cause, is at the ideological core of subsequent western dominion in the New World. It appears today in the attitudes of western governments, particularly that of the United States of America, towards the Third World. The Cold War notion of winning the hearts and minds of less developed peoples in a Manichean struggle with godless communism can be seen as, substituting Marx for Mohammed, a page of contemporary history taken directly from Columbus' logs.

Columbus became convinced that he was God's chosen agent to extend His kingdom on earth. He was thus a man who, as Tzvetan Todorov notes (in *The Conquest of America: the Question of the Other*), had a singular lack of intellectual curiosity. Even his sympathetic biographer, Samuel Eliot Morison agrees that "he had a curiously unscientific mind." He was ultimately a medieval personality who increasingly had no trouble squaring reality to his preordained vision. To the end, therefore, he never admitted he had found a New World. Since his goal had been the Orient, such an admission would be to recognize his failure. But he persisted in a belief that he had found some stepping stone to the New Jerusalem, and he searched the Caribbean in vain for the biblical paradise. In true scholastic fashion, his belief in his mission was synonymous with the attainment of his goal and he spent the rest of his life justifying it.

### Columbus' Enterprise

I'm not going to spend time on the details of the voyages. Within a matter of a few years after 1492, had Columbus not sailed, the New World would have been discovered by Europeans--probably from Spain or Portugal, nations that had spent a century in exploring deep water navigation. The proof of this proposition was that in 1500 Pedro Cabral was blown off course as he sailed around the horn of Africa and landed on the coast of what is today Brazil.

But in terms of balance, I do think it's important to recognize that, although Columbus considered himself an agent of the inevitable, the enterprise was nonetheless quite a daring feat and a tribute to the persistence and courage of a single individual. Columbus was the first, not the others. And his accomplishment eclipses the present-day feats of astronauts. He had no home base; there was no way to FAX the news of his feat home in case he were shipwrecked on the return; unlike our present-day heroes from Houston and Cape Kennedy, he sailed straight out into the unknown, without knowing what he was going to find, and with no back-up if he miscalculated or encountered disaster. He did it by virtue of an extraordinary display of willpower--which of course was eventually seized upon by those seeking a symbol for the Western march of progress.

## Columbus as U.S. Icon

Here in the United States, our image of Columbus is that of an American hero--the only non-citizen in the U.S. to have a national holiday declared in his honor. I remember when, as a young kid, I first found out that Columbus wasn't from the United States. I was in the fourth grade, and I thought Columbus was either American or English. Then I suddenly realized he never set foot on what is my country (some of the confusion is obviously due to the United States' appropriation of the name given to the western hemisphere). I got over my disappointment but, not until I began researching the historiography of Columbus for these Quincentennial events, did I begin to understand why Columbus loomed so large in our history books and patriotic celebrations.

The fact is that Columbus was adopted by the U.S. because he symbolized the will to conquer the crushing obstacles in the path of progress, the subjugation of the weak and "primitive," the bending of human and natural environment to the superior forces of history. Columbus' feat constituted a paean to history's winners. He was the ultimate symbol of our 19th century concept of "Manifest Destiny." Formal recognition occurred in the 1890's, when a symbol was needed for American imperialism. And Columbus was the perfect symbol, because he did not just discover, he did not just conquer, but he converted and civilized (read Europeanized) above all. It was a civilizing mission which, of course, was the justification for the United States taking the Philippines, Cuba, Puerto Rico, and so on, at the turn of the century.

## Historiography

It is remarkable that this picture of Columbus as a great man, a hero whose accomplishments were profoundly positive and to whom we as a people owe much, remains more or less intact in the literature down to the 1970's. I only came across one book that was still read in the 1960's, Carl Sauer's book *The Spanish Main*, which offers some criticism of Columbus. With that exception, the literature is surprisingly uncritical. Not until Hans Koning's little book of the 1970's, *The Columbus Enterprise*, do you really find a book that is dedicated to a critique of Columbus. For example, I looked at a 1966 article by Morton Torodash in the *Spanish-American Historical Review*, the most prestigious journal in my field. In the 20-page article, Torodash leaves virtually unmentioned the entire question of Columbus' treatment of the Indians. He focusses for pages at a time on things like his Jewishness, or lack of it, the significance of his titles, the controversy over where he's buried. Samuel Eliot Morison, in his classic biography, characterizes Columbus' behavior as genocide, and then drops the subject as an inconvenient detail, as if it were somehow unimportant to the grand scheme that Columbus had hatched for the New World.

Daniel Boorstin, a distinguished U.S. historian, in a widely used secondary school text he co-authored, alludes to the demographic catastrophe that in two centuries reduced the Native American population to less than 10% of its original size at the time of Columbus' landing in a casual sentence, "European diseases killed thousands of Indians."

At the other extreme, Kirkpatrick Sale, in his *Conquest of Paradise*, holds Columbus responsible for just about everything that is wrong with Western civilization, including his final conclusion that Columbus stands guilty of *lese nature*--of raping the globe.

### Impact of 1492

Let's now turn to some other issues which I think the conquest raises. Both Europe and America were changed forever by Columbus' voyage. At first blush, the immediate consequences for Europe appear to be quite inconsequential. Columbus really didn't bring very much back to Europe, which was one of the reasons he died a broken man. He found little gold, few spices, no silks or other luxuries. Slaves were actually frowned upon by Queen Isabela. And, of course, he had not found a quick route to Asia. However, in the long run, the silver mined in Mexico and Peru stimulated and financed trade in the East for the very luxuries for which Columbus had searched in vain in the New World. He also succeeded, indirectly at least, in helping make the connection for the circumnavigation of the globe under Magellan and ultimately, for the eventual shift of wealth from Spain to other European centers such as Holland and England.

### The Columbian Exchange

The interchange of humans, animals and plants also had long-term consequences for Europe. Looking just at plants, New World crops like maize and potatoes (the latter known only in the Andes), beans, corn, squash, chocolate, quinine, vanilla, tapioca--all had a significant impact on the process of industrialization and the growth of capitalism in Europe. The majority of the Irish in the United States came after the potato famine in the 1840's--thus are here, indirectly, because of the discovery of the potato in Peru.

The impact of American foodstuffs was felt not only in Europe but around the globe. In Asia, for example: pumpkins in India and southeast Asia (pumpkin custards that you get in Thai restaurants illustrate this transfer), and peanuts, corn and squash in China--have you ever thought that the peanuts or baby corn found in Cantonese and Szechuan dishes are just two of Mexico's gifts to Chinese cuisine? Something like a third of the plant food raised to feed humans and their animals today comes from plants of American origin.

There were also exchanges from the Old World to the New. Rice, barley, wheat, oat, and fruit crops also transformed America. Something as quintessentially American as Kentucky bluegrass is a European import. There were other products that America produced better than the Old World. European wheat did very well; sugar cane, for example, native to Asia, thrived in the Canary Islands and was brought from there to the New World by the Spanish where it flourished, as did coffee (from Africa) and bananas (from tropical Asia). Europeans also introduced cows, pigs, sheep and goats, none of which were found in America before 1492.



## Ecology

Now let's consider the environmental impact of the European conquest of America. The Spanish arrived with the Western attitude of subduing, dominating and exploiting nature rather than really integrating one's existence with it. Moreover, unintentionally or unconsciously, they introduced a whole range of plant and animal species from the Old World. And some believe Columbus initiated a process of environmental interference--an ecosystem disruption--that had near ruinous consequences down to today.

Everywhere new domestic animal stocks depleted native grasses, compacted tropical soils and stripped ground cover that had resisted soil erosion, a process with tremendously negative consequences on the human population. Again, traditional historians of this period have celebrated this period as part of a civilizing process of economic development, and ignored the pernicious ecological effects on the land and Native peoples. Transfers of European plants crowded out native species, and animals transformed the landscape, in the process diminishing the ability of Native Americans to derive a living from the earth. Historian Alfred Crosby (in *The Columbian Exchange: Ecological Imperialism*) commented that if an alien were to look down on this process, he would swear there was a project afoot to substitute cows, pigs, goats, and sheep for people.

Perhaps the most significant and far-reaching consequence of 1492 for the New World was the initiation of an intercontinental migration. As a result, today, there are two Europes and two Africas, one on either side of the Atlantic. A new social order came into being--a European social order based on racial hierarchies. Vast disparities of income were crystallized into rigid hierarchies of class and ethnicity.

## International Relations

Finally, Columbus brought about the globalization of international discourse. Columbus initiated a period which vastly enlarged the scope of international relations. Europeans began competing with each other in the New World as Old World rivalries and diplomatic negotiations were extended to the continents of America and eventually the entire world. The modern age of global imperialism had begun as Europeans defended their far-flung economic spheres of influence. This process continued to unfold, assuming various forms, down to the present. We can extrapolate its essential characteristics during the Cold War struggle between the twentieth century ideologies of communism and capitalist democracy.

Behind the ostensible trading goals of the Columbus enterprise lay the ideological project of the Catholic queen, Isabela. It is with the arrogance of the true believer that Columbus and his men, thinking they were in or near the land of the Great Khan, nevertheless immediately proclaimed the lands they discovered for Spain. This was not simple greed for gold and spices. How do you explain the enslavement of Native

Americans? If the Indians were part of some empire you want to trade with, you do not announce yourself by enslaving its people. The point is that Columbus had an ideological project, to expand Christianity and conquer lands in the name of a united Catholic kingdom. Conquest and slavery were a necessary part of the "*mission civilizatrice*." This produced the most profound contradiction: how can you Christianize and enslave at the same time?

Thus it should be stressed that this was not simply physical and economic subjugation: it was a cultural and religious conquest as well. Spain soon created a support system for the ideological domination of the continent. A species of national security state was established in the New World. Far-flung bureaucracies, military measures and secrecy that were essential to protect and advance empire and exploit its resources, again, have echoes today. Spanish America, like the Third World, had become an ideological battleground. A threat anywhere was a threat to the whole enterprise. In a kind of 15th century version of the Monroe Doctrine, Columbus, in the name of Spain, declared the Caribbean off limits to non-Christians, thus initiating the era of European competition for the land and people of the New World, to which no Europeans had a right.

A challenge to this New World order, which God had ordained, could not stand, and those issuing it had to be exterminated, root and branch. Resistance had to be punished as an example. Thus, Columbus ordered that Native Americans who refused to recognize the authority of the Church or Crown or who were insufficiently zealous in delivering the required tribute should be mutilated. Indigenous religion and culture, as well as that of Spain's protestant enemies, were seen as a mortal threat to empire. It is a long tradition. In the twentieth century, Third World nationalism and socialism often provided the intolerable threat. Much as Queen Isabela and her successors thrust forward the Catholic ideal in the 15th and 16th centuries, a defense of the western democratic free enterprise ideal was offered as a rationale for intervention in the Third World during the Cold War. In many respects the Cold War as it played out in the Reagan doctrine in the 1980's was only the latest chapter in the book begun by Columbus.

### **Indigenous Resistance**

Before leaving this topic I want to correct a general misapprehension regarding the subjugation of Native Americans. The image of Native Americans, fatalistically conceding the technological superiority of the Europeans, and sort laying down their spears and dying off, is a false one. The question of resistance and revolution is an issue that should be woven into the quincentennial. The resistance started immediately in Mexico. It lasted for 40 years in Peru and then only went underground where it reemerged in the most serious pre-independence threat to Spanish colonial rule: the revolt of Tpac Amaru in the 1780's. These smoldering resentments of an unassimilated and exploited culture are fueling a major guerilla war in Peru's highlands today.

In contemporary Latin America the Christianizing mission is represented in the



evangelical movement, which is not only involved in the process of deculturation, but also in the military subjugation and physical elimination of pockets of Native American resistance in Guatemala (where evangelicals were working hand in glove with the Guatemalan military during the 1980's), other parts of Central America, and in Peru where the Shining Path guerrillas dispute the authorities' claim on the hearts and minds of the Inca's descendants.

### **Cruelty, Abuse and Depopulation**

Two charges leveled at Columbus bear directly on his reputation in history: (1) that he was a gross violator of human rights and promoted slavery; and (2) that his actions in this regard created a 500-year pattern of cruelty and oppression of people of color in the Americas. It is beyond dispute that the discovery and conquest of America witnessed what we would call today massive human rights abuses. Indians who would not submit to the Spanish and Catholic faiths were brutally suppressed. As previously mentioned, the bloody practice of punishing native peoples by mutilation began under Columbus' direction. However, while there were kinder Europeans who indeed protested unwarranted abuses of the population, it should be remembered that Columbus behaved within the norms of his times, when the cruelties of pillaging armies were legion.

The demographic disaster of the next two centuries is unprecedented in the annals of history. Estimates of the indigenous Native American population in 1492 were anywhere between 50 to 100 million in all of the Americas. 200 years later at the beginning of the 18th century, the population estimate of Spanish territories under Spanish control from Mexico to Argentina was no more than 2 million. This was much more than a literal decimation of population (the loss of 10%).

### **Genocide?**

I have heard a recent lecturer compare celebrating Columbus Day with the idea of Jews celebrating Hitler's birthday. However we should be careful not to make facile analogies. Genocide, by definition, is the planned or conscious murder of a population. It is generally accepted now that within two centuries of the encounter, barely 5% of the original population remained, and other groups like the Tainos and Arawaks had disappeared entirely. Yet, the demographic catastrophe that befell the Native American population was not planned. Yes, there was gross neglect. Europeans were guilty of a dereliction of duty toward their charges. There was cruelty and mistreatment. But there was no genocidal design because it wasn't in the Spanish interest to kill off their labor force, their servants.

In fact, the drastic depopulation of America was due primarily to the microbes European conquerors and African slaves brought in their blood and breath. Native Americans died by the tens of thousands from a range of diseases, from yellow fever to measles and the common cold. The first smallpox epidemic did not occur until 25 years after Columbus' arrival, so we should be aware of the complexity of heaping blame on

Columbus or solely focusing on this period in critiquing the encounter.

On the other hand, genocide, as ethnocide, at any rate--the conscious elimination of Indians and groupings of Indians--did occur here and there throughout the history of the Americas. So while the term has validity, at the same time it should be used carefully to characterize the demographic history of the New World or as a blanket condemnation of Columbus.

Native Americans, though, did have their protectors. Bartolomé de las Casas argued that the "Indians" should be given treatment as human beings, that even their sacrifices--the Aztec sacrifices, for example--had parallels in Christian biblical tradition. It's interesting to note that even here the best that Indians could hope for was to belong to the human race, to have some kind of common identification with a European ideal, but not to be recognized in their own right and respected for their own differences. Eventually, the Spanish Church decided in a grand debate that the Indians possessed a soul; African slaves, it should be noted, were not included in this gesture.

### Slavery

That brings us to the issue of slavery. The Portuguese had initiated the African slave trade in the 1440's. But Columbus was the first European to enslave the inhabitants of the New World. Interestingly enough, the crown was not interested in slaves; it was interested in tax-paying citizens. Isabela argued with Columbus not to enslave the Indians, but he wanted to for several reasons. In the absence of gold and other riches, he needed to find some material resource to justify his expedition, and finance future endeavors. However, he also had a very practical problem. The men who came with him also expected to find gold, and he had no way of paying them often, unless he gave them slaves, or natives to work as forced labor. Slavery solved the dilemma of needing to meet an expanding payroll from the profits of his Caribbean conquests.

Forced labor soon became part of the *Repartimiento* and *Encomienda* systems with repercussions in Latin America down to the 19th century, where in places like Ecuador forced labor tribute was still required of Indians, as a tax. Enslavement of the indigenous peoples also helped depopulate the Caribbean. As the need for slaves increased, Native Americans were taken from islands and transported, and the spread of disease was accelerated. The Caribbean is the one area where the Indians lost completely, as opposed to other areas where the depopulation was catastrophic but not total.

It is during this period also that African slaves were brought in as a compensation for the drop in Native American population. One and a half million slaves were brought to colonial Spanish American between 1600 and 1800 and perhaps another million to the British colonies. By the time of the U.S. War for Independence nearly one in four people in the Thirteen Colonies was an African slave.

## Women

Columbus had a habit of rewarding his men with women when he couldn't find gold. Indian women were the object of double rape: the subjugation to the sexual appetites of the conquerors along with the rape of their culture. But these women also figured prominently in the ethnic and social formation of post-contact America. In the face of staggering odds, they kept alive the aboriginal cultures and traditional indigenous folkways of this hemisphere. When thousands of conquerors, colonizers and bureaucrats cohabited with native women and the multi-hued products of white, red and black miscegenation to produce what the Mexican writer, José Vasconcelos called "the Cosmic Race," Native American women became the primary vehicles for the creation of new ethnic identities.

## Balance and Perspective

We should keep in mind that abuses committed against the indigenous population occurred over a long period of time and were committed by various Europeans groups--not just the Spanish. If the Spanish ruthlessly recognized the value of disease in limiting resistance for recalcitrant Indian groups, North Americans are not exempt from the charge of genocide. Recall that the United States cavalry consciously sent blankets infected with smallpox to Sioux people in the 19th century.

We should admit that it was an incredible accomplishment, the voyages and then the job of establishing control and creating a measure of administrative unity over two continents six thousand miles from the metropolis. The Spanish did it to a degree that was never accomplished by the British. We should also remember that the Spanish Crown and the Church argued and legislated for protection of indigenous and the non-white populations. Slavery was also abolished peacefully everywhere in the Americas except in the United States.

It may be useful to try and apply some cultural relativism in order to understand rather than simply denounce. If we can excuse cannibalism among the Aztecs as a practical necessity to fill a protein deficiency, as anthropologist Marvin Harris does, should we not take a more relativistic approach to Christopher Columbus and the Spanish as well? The Spanish were at first shocked to find near-naked natives where they expected the great Khan. Europeans knew the Africans through centuries of trade, and there was some familiarity with Asians. Here were people who were beyond their ken. Alfred Crosby, no admirer of Columbus, concedes that the Indians were culturally more different from the rest of humankind in 1492 than any other major group of humanity.

What could we have expected from a group of rude and unlettered boys and men from Palos? Few of them were experienced hands even in sailing, much less in dealing with these kinds of dramatic human developments. Columbus, considering indigenous populations inferior beings, treated them cruelly. He was different from some of the men of the cloth, but not from other explorer/conquerors. Do we have a right to expect the

quality of a saint in the same people who would make this kind of journey in the first place? Could they be both crusaders and anthropologists?

Would any other European country have acted differently? Most likely not. Fifteenth century Spain was a fair representative of European values--of the will to conquer and the tradition of placing progress above human need. And finally, if we indict Columbus, as I think he has to be indicted, do we not have to indict all those who followed him in the colonization and development of the New World? Will there be a dialogue in which we will reflect on what these dramatic yet terrible events mean for us today? Have we really progressed so much beyond the time of Columbus? If we see Christopher Columbus and his enterprise reflected in our world today, we need to rethink our definitions of progress. Who is progressing now? And how?

For example, the recent Persian Gulf War reveals certain parallels with the medieval attitudes of Columbus' time, with both sides claiming to have God on their side (as in Columbus' time Islamic and Christian Gods were the ones to which opposing armies appealed). Have we really risen above these primary beliefs? Many of the events of five hundred years ago appear less as primitive signposts along the road to the present than human tragedies essentially reproduced today.

### CONCLUSION

There is a risk, then, that in focussing on Columbus or his symbolic representations today we will somehow exempt ourselves from the critique we apply to Columbus. The Columbus enterprise may be seen as a kind of product of humankind's technological advancement outstripping its moral capacity, the means for goodness and the ability to achieve it. It is a question we are still pondering today. It's reflected in the whole Western heritage of conquest and cruelty, and the arrogance of those who claim a monopoly on truth. In condemning historic examples of self-righteousness, racism, intolerance and cruelty, we often wrap ourselves in the certainty of our own values and beliefs. By extension, that makes the others not only wrong but enemies, and not only our enemies, morally corrupt--in fact evil--and therefore to be dealt with summarily and with compunction. Precisely the failures of Columbus.

Perhaps the Quincentennial and every October 12th, whatever we decide to call it, should be a time when we all reflect on what we have discovered about ourselves in this astounding, yet cataclysmic, event that joined two halves of the earth...that took a previously fragmented world and forever globalized human discourse. The Columbus enterprise bequeathed to the Americas the paradoxical realities of nationhood with ethnic antagonisms, of cultural fusion beside mutual alienation. It is up to us to break out of that legacy and begin a frank dialogue based on our common bond of humanity. Yet we must not forget that our differences define us, that we must acknowledge and appreciate them in each other. In honoring this diversity we burnish the real jewel in the crown of Columbus.

## **The Paradigm of Conquest**

by Gail Tremblay

For most Americans, Columbus is a familiar name attached to a familiar date--1492. School children learn the couplet, "In fourteen hundred and ninety-two, Columbus sailed the ocean blue," and think they have grasped some essential fact of history about a great sailor who "discovered" America. Most Americans have not read the existing excerpts from Columbus's diaries or the writing of the priest, Bartolomé de las Casas, who witnessed the genocide of the indigenous peoples of the Caribbean under Columbus' rule.

There has been much written about the historiography surrounding Columbus recently, and about the myth created by failing to tell the whole complicated history of the beginnings of the conquest and colonization of the Americas. But, while Columbus may clearly be the focus of the planned Quincentennial "celebration," it is necessary to look at a wider history and to examine the language created to describe that history, if we are going to understand the whole notion of the arrival of Europeans in the Americas in a way that is sensitive to indigenous people.

For 500 years, the Americas have had to live with the paradigm of the colonizers. The children of the colonizers and those of the colonized are taught it as we attempt to define our reality, and this paradigm affects our relationships to education and to one another in troubling ways. If we wish to decolonize our minds and to struggle to come to terms with the essential equality of all human beings, we must begin by analyzing the set of socially constructed ideas that allowed Europe and things European to be defined as "civilization" and the rest of the world to be defined as "savage."

The story of the contact (contact may be too neutral a word) between Europeans and what Europeans insisted on calling "the native" or more recently, "the other" is a story in which Europeans make themselves the center of the universe. That center moves with them as they move, and even when Europeans are far from their native lands, people they meet are never the center of the story, but are the problematic "other," the restless "native" one must conquer, overwhelm, control, and exploit. After conquest, the European conqueror sets up schools to teach "the natives" to see the "civilization" of the conqueror as the center of the universe, and to learn to see the world of their own ancestors through the eyes of the conqueror.

The underlying myth used to justify this paradigm is that Europeans are a superior people with a superior culture, and of course, and with the one true religion that the "natives" need if they are ever to become "civilized." The fact that Europeans were able to conquer is used to justify this myth. When this notion is coupled with the even stranger idea that this superiority is somehow biologically linked to recessive genetic



structures which make a percentage of Europeans blond, blue-eyed, straight-haired, and pale-skinned, it becomes the underpinning of the racism from which we all suffer today.

Once racism becomes part of the paradigm, then no amount of copying European culture or converting to Christianity can ever make a "native" equal. So one can find people of European ancestry who define the problem of "the native" as inferior culture if they are ethnocentric, or as inferior nature if they are racist. If we are going to understand the Quincentennial in less ethnocentric or racist ways, we must create a new paradigm that recognizes that Europe and Europeans are not superior. We must reflect on the world in a way that challenges established values. In this decade of racist backlash when powerful figures in academia are vested in maintaining their own feelings of superiority, this is not an easy task. It is hard for people who have enjoyed feeling superior to learn to be comfortable with equality, even in a culture which claims to have democratic values. But if we are to be truly democratic, this is the task at hand.

In order to understand our equality, first we need to examine the notion of "superior civilization" which is central to our understanding of the paradigm, and then we need to think about the ways which values implicit in this notion of "civilization" shape our understanding of various cultures. Since Europe becomes the model of "civilization," we must understand European culture before and during the period of the conquest as well as have some information about the way in which the conquest shaped the evolution of that culture.

At the time of the conquest of America, Europe was ending a long period of feudalism. There had been a very long history of frequent wars between feudal lords as they tried to gain power over one another; this had been going on for five centuries. As the men who had enough lords for vassals to claim the crown became more powerful, the wars intensified. Wars of succession were common in some countries. Kings raised large armies and supported people to invent new weapons, so they could win battles against less well-armed opponents. In the process shipbuilding improved, and ships were armed with cannons.

As kings came to power, government became more centralized and nation states were born. The rule of kings was hierarchical and patriarchal, as had been the rule of the lords under the feudal system. Many of the old feudal lords were losing power, but because of their control of property, this aristocracy had more power than the majority of the population and they continued to have considerable control over the lives of the people who lived and worked on their estates. A few of the nobles were learning to invest like the rising merchant class, and kings were making some merchants who enriched the royal treasury into lords.

This was a time of rising power in cities. However, policies like enclosure that were forcing peasants to move off the land so their masters could raise more sheep created widespread poverty among surplus labor, and that caused slums. This influx of population also caused a weakening of the guild system and a move toward less skilled

and more factory-like modes of production that would later lead to the industrial revolution. Merchants interested in creating this new mode of production to break the power of the guilds and to increase production of goods were supporting, and were supported by, the kings. Royal charters granted to these merchants poured money into the king's treasury as well as the merchants' pockets. This trading brought the profits the kings needed to maintain their armies and to buy the latest weapons and was therefore considered important. This motivated further exploration for the expansion of trade.

A few of the Catholic kings were anxious to re-establish the Holy Roman Empire and desired silver and gold to support even larger armies. Trade in slaves, which was extremely profitable, started in 1440.

The Catholic Church was beginning an Inquisition that would burn nine million people at the stake, the majority of them women accused of witchcraft. Inquisitors would also persecute Jews, Moslems, male believers in the pre-Christian religions of Europe, and non-believers. New tortures were invented to gain confessions before execution. All this war and social upheaval created a period of famine as the food supply shrank; there were even some reports of cannibalism in regions with widespread starvation. This was a society where a few were fabulously wealthy, educated and cultured; those were nobles or educated individuals attached to the courts of nobles, or to the Church. The vast majority were illiterate, suffering and desperately poor. It was a period when criminals who robbed the rich were publicly tortured for the entertainment and edification of all, and when average citizens would see heads on pikes rotting above castle walls as a warning against displeasing those in power.

There was widespread disease, and it was a remarkable person who lived to be 50. There were thousands of homeless people with no employment and no protection. It was easy to press hundreds of desperate men into the army and navy and to use them as cannon fodder. This was "civilization" in European terms, and these were the conditions people living in this culture took for granted.

Clearly, this is not what we, today, would think of as "superior" or even desirable, even though certain of those conditions are familiar to us. Even according to the standards of those times, there were cultures in Africa and the Americas where life was easier, wealth more evenly distributed, people were better fed, cleaner, healthier, suffered with less crime, and were less violent. There were also cultures on every continent that were hierarchial and shared some of the negative traits of European culture, and where people also suffered from want. Europe was neither an ideal nor the most depraved of cultures at that moment in history. It was merely a culture that had a very unequal distribution of wealth, where scarcity and constant war had affected large parts of the population for generations.

It is interesting how the culture of the colonizers has been romanticized, and how the values and material comforts of a small aristocracy have been glorified so that the whole culture seems superior. The popular mythology deliberately omits the starvation,

disease, and torture that made the wealth of the few possible, and everything gets shrouded in the intrigue and romantic imagery of the courts with their rulers who were commanders of thousands of ruthless soldiers capable of killing and subjugating millions.

But it takes a lot of forgetfulness, of amnesia, to make the princes charming, even when they controlled the storytellers who made the history books. There is evidence of the real history everywhere one looks; it fills the primary sources written in those times. Out of the desire for gold and silver to maintain armies, and for spices and silks to enrich court life, Europe sent out explorers and armies to conquer what they found. This conquest did make the kings, aristocrats, merchants, and some of the priests of Europe fabulously wealthy, and it allowed Europe and its settler colonies over the following centuries to synthesize and develop technology and resources from the entire globe to create a complex industrial culture which controlled world markets.

But the cost of that process to indigenous peoples in the Americas, Africa, and Asia is shattering to examine. Such brutality, even when explained by social Darwinist concepts like "survival of the fittest" is not the mark of an enlightened and humane culture. Since military might does not make right, the level of injustice the conquests created is shocking. It keeps many of those who benefit from this horror in denial; how could there have been so many maimed, so many dead, so many lives lived in such degradation and pain?

And so the myth has been kept alive in an attempt to soften the guilt which is inevitable when one believes one is superior and can dehumanize and exploit others. The irony is that myth-making does not make one less guilty of a crime one benefits from. The only escape from guilt is recognition of one's complicity in this history and a commitment to create real equality by working to end the exploitation and racism that have given the descendants of the conquerors privilege in a world defined by the colonizer's paradigm. It is time to examine history with new eyes and redefine our relationship to one another.

To do this, we must recognize how this paradigm has shaped the way non-European cultures are seen. Of course, there is the simple dichotomy--European is superior, "native" is inferior; pale-skinned is fair, dark-skinned is evil. But things have never been that simple. From the beginning, "native" cultures that were more like European cultures that were hierarchial or patriarchal or that had technologies Europeans wished to learn, were considered more "civilized." Other cultures which might be more egalitarian or whose technologies would not produce wealth for Europeans were "primitive." And if the "natives" defended their land and culture, they were "warlike savages" in the reports to the crown. The word "civilization" itself is biased toward people who live in settled towns and so people who refuse to settle in towns are never seen as equal even if they have sophisticated cultures in other ways.

Thus, the Spaniards thought the Arawaks and Tainos--and later the Yaquis--were primitive, and were unable to understand the complexity of their relationships with their



environments or the richness of their ceremonial life and cultures. On the other hand, the conquistadors clearly thought the Aztecs, with their large cities, their pyramids, floating gardens, cast gold jewelry, libraries, and rich material culture, rivaled Venice, even though the Aztecs required regular human sacrifice while the Spanish required only one--of the son of God--and that done by the Romans at the dawn of the Christian era. To this day, we are taught to measure the concept we call culture by these Eurocentric standards and so we feel the Egyptians, the Chinese, and the Aztecs to be more civilized than the Kikuyu, the Hmong, and the Hopi.

For most Americans the notion of civilization has little to do with its root, that is, living in towns. High civilization means a certain kind of development that creates wealth by exploiting earth and labor to make objects of technological complexity, preferably in factory-like conditions that yield a surplus. Thus, to cast steel is more civilized than to chip obsidian blades, to make concrete is more civilized than to make adobe bricks, to build automobiles with robots is more civilized than to carve a cedar canoe.

It makes no difference that generations of a people doing civilized things has lessened our ability to survive on the planet. It makes no difference that the exploitation of labor required has made millions of people suffer. Couple these ideas about civilization with the myth that Europeans created modern culture without learning from the technologies of the people they conquered, and you have another rationalization for European superiority. The irony is that this rationalization allows people in the process of polluting the earth and making life more tenuous to see that very process as proof they are somehow better.

It is time we re-examine our notions of "civilization" and development and find a paradigm that will allow humans to see all people as equal and capable of being less destructive of life on the planet. Perhaps it is time to admit that people who have refused to develop in ways destructive to the planet may not be "primitive," but may instead have a clearer vision of their relationships in a circle of things that supports life. The children of the conquerors and the conquered must learn of this essential equality. They must grow their own capacities for seeing ways that support life no matter how much abuse has been caused and suffered traveling in this unjust world down these 500 years. Perhaps learning to understand and create this new paradigm is our most important work in this Quincentennial year.

## **The Challenge of 1992**

by Angela Gilliam

The commemoration of the quincentennial anniversary of the arrival of Christopher Columbus to the Western Hemisphere has occasioned intense debates throughout the hemisphere. For many United States citizens, 1492 signals the beginning of the "modern world". Indeed, many will celebrate the beauty of what the hemisphere became. In the dominant view, the Americas represented an opportunity for millions of Europeans to escape the rigors and limitations of European life. Moreover, many in the United States and other parts of the Americas will celebrate what they see as the extraordinary development of an entire hemisphere which took place under the spiritual, conceptual and military leadership of Europeans from Spain, England, Holland, Portugal, and France.

The hemisphere's indigenous peoples have other perspectives, however. From Alaska to Argentina, and across contemporary national boundaries, the indigenous nations and peoples are using 1992 to challenge the triumphalist definition of what occurred during the last 500 years. There have been meetings in many parts of the Americas, resulting in alternative constructions of the historical and contemporary reality in their lives, past and present. In fact, 1992 has offered a singular opportunity to the Americas' indigenous nations to confront what it means to have survived. Present-day geo-political conflicts are redefined within a vision that goes back centuries. For example, the recent, successful negotiations in El Salvador were seen by more than one participant in the process as "the first time in 500 years that we have a chance for democracy." In anticipation of the Quincentennial commemorative activities, many scholars from around the world have incorporated this perspective as they reconstruct received knowledge and interpretations of the past.

For the approximately 75 million people in the hemisphere who link their heritage to Africa and colonial plantation history, the Americas have yet to come to terms with the slave past. For example, Cuba is the only country that has produced a cinematic tradition that has depicted slavery and its influences on national culture. Because slavery was instituted by Columbus in the Caribbean, many people of African descent similarly have reservations about the nature of the 1992 activities. As Walter Rodney would have put it, Europe's underdevelopment of Africa was consolidated by the Atlantic slave trade. This trade is also described as "triangular" because the labor from one continent is used to exploit (and in many cases plunder) another one, while the revenues accrue to the third.

Thus, 1992 represents a fight for the soul of the Americas. It is a challenge to the definition of development and to received notions of which way is forward. People like Uruguayan writer Eduardo Galeano, want to unmask the real history of the nameless

survivors of a militaristic, male-dominated interpretation of reality. United States environmentalists and others will use the year to focus on the need to protect all of the species of life on the planet, but others will resist such changes and there are indications that a resurgence of biological determinism is on the rise in research. If "biology is destiny," there is no reason to reshape history or transform society, for the fate of an individual human being is pre-determined before birth.

This project of the Washington Center believes that people around the country and the hemisphere are reaching for a new way of thinking. We invite the reader to struggle to find the language that does not imply judgment or hierarchy--to participate in the redefinition of newly inclusivist Americas.

## Groundwork for the Seventh Generation from Now

by Yvonne Peterson

Recently, I had an opportunity to hear Ramona Bennett (a Puyallup, and currently Director of Rainbow Youth and Family Services) address a group of educators concerned about infusing their curriculum with "some" cultural relevance. As she wound up her talk, she took the time to reminisce about the significance of the "take over" of the Bureau of Indians Affairs federal building in Washington, D.C., during the early 1970s. She recalled, "...There was a point in the negotiations when we knew it was time to prepare and elders modelled for us how--to put on scalp and face paint, feathers, get out the drum, sing, pray...Prepare to die so the unborn can live, not survive--LIVE."

The ritual of this oral tradition in which the non-Indian educators were participating reminded me of my own family's discussions. Clearly, there is a need for my generation to give voice now to our experiences with cultural encounters. Oral tradition honors children as the vital link with the past and the future; extended families recognize words-actions as forces that can be acted upon by the next generation. My daughters know our ancestors lived in a tumultuous time and in the midst of that, took the time to think about us...to try to provide for us the things we need to continue to live as Indians and to identify as Indians: land, political, social and spiritual rights, rituals and symbols of culture, language, and memory of our rightful relationship(s) to nature and to people. Ours are the faces that our ancestors would never see, the names they would never pronounce, laughter they would never hear, tragedy they would never experience.

Today, my daughters live in rapidly changing times. My husband and I voice concern and model for them that they have the obligation to provide for the needs of future generations. In the Twana language, this generation is referred to as "*tu quos*," the seventh generation since the signing of the Point No Point Treaty. This seventh generation has the significant responsibility to make plans, give voice to the vision, provide the political, social and spiritual groundwork for the seventh generation from now. They know this because we talk about it. I share the words of Ramona Bennett because it can be the permission needed for them to know in their lifetime when their action and "stand" is important.

Columbus did encounter the Americas and initiate exchanges. That is a part of our history and we will never forget what happened. We do need, however, to move on, and to work to make sure that it will never happen again. This quincentennial sourcebook is timely. Perhaps this generation of teachers and learners will not be so surprised that textbooks can lie, leaving readers with inadequate, and ultimately untruthful understandings. Historical ignorance requires concentrated corrective action. May the resources suggested here be a groundwork for generations to come.

## **Part B. Resources**

## **Section 1**

### **Europe and the Americas in the Fifteenth and Sixteenth Centuries**

Columbus did not discover a New World. He established contact between two worlds, both of them old. But this contact would likely have taken place around the beginning of the sixteenth century even if there had been no individual with the monumental persistence of Columbus. Fifteenth century Europe had already embarked on the age of discovery. Over the past two centuries Mediterranean trade had burgeoned and capitalism had begun to sink roots on the continent. The Portuguese were steadily improving techniques for deep water sailing and developing alternate sea routes along the coast of Africa. The Renaissance was expanding knowledge of the world, including the notion--known to ancient Greeks and then lost in the Dark Ages--that the earth was a sphere. A number of forces were converging to create the Age of Exploration and Commerce.

Yet the European continent was poor, much poorer than we have come to believe--riven by internecine violence, and under continual military threat from Moslems and Turks. The Eastern Mediterranean trade routes were severed after the fall of Constantinople to the Moslem forces in 1453 and by Turkish conquest of the Levant. The overland/sea route to the East had always been dangerous, rigorous, costly, and risky. There were two alternatives: sail east around Africa or west to reach the other side of the world. Both of these feats were accomplished by end of the fifteenth century under the auspices of Portugal and Spain.

There were really only three powers that might undertake European expansion. The rest of Europe was simply not in the competition. Russia was weak and not a maritime power. The Germanies were fragmented and much distracted with continental warfare. The rich low countries were under Spanish rule or under French attack. France and England were still basically medieval countries. Moreover, England was relatively underdeveloped and spent much of its energy in the fifteenth century on dynastic rivalries. France, which was the richest land in Europe, dissipated its resources on foreign wars and ruinous religious and dynastic conflicts. Far-flung trade and exploration for these countries was a remote idea.

That left Italy, Portugal and Spain. Italy was divided and its rich merchant states were involved in a profitable economic system of their own. Italians continued to trade with the Middle East paying markups to Arab middlemen. The Portuguese, on the other hand, had some impressive technological and maritime accomplishments to their credit: for example, the development of the compass, astrolabe, and caravel which both

Columbus and Vasco da Gama used. The caravel was a high narrow ship perfected in the 1440's and designed for distance. Portugal was already engaged in the colonization of the Azores and the Cape Verde Islands on the African Coast. By 1488, Bartolomé Dias rounded the Cape of Good Hope in Africa and by 1497, Vasco da Gama set out for India.

However, by the 1480's, the maritime success of the Portuguese limited their interest in exploring a western sea route to the Orient. They were a commercial country, less zealous about their mission to spread Catholicism and not as hungry as the battle-hardened Spanish and their very Catholic queen. In 1484, when Columbus petitioned King João II to back his venture, the King committed the monumental blunder of turning him down.

Thus, Spain, the poorest of the Mediterranean powers, by default became the prime candidate to sponsor Columbus. Backward and isolated, she had been too weak to compete in the other routes, but was strong enough to take advantage of Columbus' proposition. During the latter half of the century, Spain had become politically unified under the leadership of the royal couple, King Ferdinand of Aragon and Queen Isabela of Castille. In January of 1492 Granada, the last Moslem stronghold in the South, had fallen to the Christian forces of Ferdinand and Isabela.

But Spain had a powerful additional incentive to undertake the venture: the proselytizing vision of its Catholicism. The *Inquisition* had been instituted in 1478, and on March 31 of 1492, Spain decreed the expulsion of Spanish Jews who refused to convert. Although the Crusades in the Holy Lands had been abandoned for over 200 years, Spain had been conducting its own internal crusade throughout the fifteenth century. Ferdinand and Isabela presided over a messianic culture and a belief that the best way to defend and strengthen Catholicism was to take the struggle to the heathen and the infidel; in other words, to expand.

The costly wars against the Moors and the expulsion of Jews from Spain had drained the royal treasury and this circumstance also aroused Spain's interest in Columbus' Enterprise of the Indies. Spices, silks, dyes, perfumes (which were lucrative trade items) and possible new lands to exploit in precious metals would bolster Spain's sagging finances. Gold would open the doors of paradise above as well as the banks in this world. And, Spain knew that its wool could only be traded for gold in the East.

The Spain of Columbus' time was well-suited for overseas exploration, conquest and colonization. It had effective government, missionary zeal, and the resources of men, money and ships. Spain was a first-class fighting power after spending centuries warring on the Moors and the last fifty years combating the Portuguese. Like Portugal, Spain had begun to expand toward Africa, colonizing the Canary Islands during the fifteenth century. The united Spanish crowns now projected the self-confidence of a people apt for empire. Within a generation after Columbus' "discovery" of America, Spain was recognized as the greatest power in Europe.



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## **PART C. TWO MYTHO-RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS**

### **1. European Mytho-Religious Assumptions**

The mythic concepts that underlie the three major Western religions at the time of Columbus originated in the Middle East. Despite the fact that they had a marked intolerance for beliefs outside of their own particular religion, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam held many inherent tenets in common: they believed in a world divided between good and evil, that their own religion was on the side of good and the only true one, and that the structure of the universe was hierarchical with man having domination over the world and its creatures, just as God had domination over man. Moreover, they also held that God was manifest in human history and that an apocalypse was imminent: this world, sullied by the Fall, was soon to be restored to its original nature as a paradise. Finally, while Judaism was not a proselyting religion, both Christianity and Islam were zealous in their efforts to convert nonbelievers to their respective beliefs.

In Spain with the fall of the Islamic kingdom of Granada, Ferdinand and Isabela brought the reconquest, the *Reconquista*, to completion. They abolished the *convivencia*, the coexistence of Jews, Christians, and Moslems, and with the blessings of the papacy, expelled from the peninsula non-Christians who would not convert. Furthermore, Christian Europe was experiencing religious dissent from reform movements and humanism within its borders and was threatened from without by incursions of the Moslems into both Byzantium and Palestine. These tensions, coupled with their conviction that the apocalypse was imminent, gave Spanish explorers and missionaries even greater impetus to convert the peoples of the Americas.

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## 2. The Savagism Dogma and Native Americans

Central in the development of these Western religions was a fixation upon conceptually viewing mythical symbols as concrete and historical realities. Reading their mythology in this literal-historical fashion, these traditions assumed an ideological and sociological orientation thereby dismissing the mystical dimension incumbent upon myth or a mythology. This process may be termed the historization of myth and it contributed greatly to the Columbian conquest of Native America. Moreover, reading the Judeo-Christian Biblical text literally, as opposed to mytho-poetically, a savagism dogma emerged in accordance with the "fall" doctrine and this dogma provided an ideological cannon for dealing with non-Western peoples.

In the savagism dogma, Indians were determined not to properly utilize the natural environment, and according to this ruling, their rights were declared ephemeral. This tenet was based upon the erroneous assumptions that all Indians were hunters, that said hunters required too much land for their stalking, and that such activities were blood-thirsty and characteristic to the "natural man" as opposed to the "civilized man." From this premise a second tenet was devised which held Native peoples as a lower grade of humanity. Since Indians, under these misconceptions, did not properly use nature, the presumed farmers and husbandmen of Europe were declared to have right of acquisition of newly "discovered" lands. Europeans had already begun to establish literacy as the true mark of civilized humanity; lacking a written language, Natives were at best viewed as childlike and often rated as little better than the beasts of the forests.

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While no word for religion exists in any Indian language, Native Americans were and remain deeply religious people. In these traditions, religion is a way of life. Grounded in traditional oral narratives, Native American traditions acknowledge an intrinsic relationship between myth and ritual. Penetrating the popular misconception that myth is an expression of untruth and falsehood, one recognizes myth to be a mode of rationality different from that order which largely fuels the dominant Western logic.

Myth is fundamentally a religious methodology for reflecting and expressing themes of creation and sacred power; it is empowered by cyclic syllogisms that are outside of ordinary time and linear proof. In mythic logic, ambiguity presides with a sense of immediacy in revealing reality; and in resolving the ambiguities of existence, mythic narratives relate deep cultural and moral values, such as kinship, interdependence, and reciprocity. Moreover, in these traditions, nature throughout is regarded as an extended family or society of living ensouled beings. In consequence, there exists a complex ritual relationship with the Nature. This acknowledgement of an animate nature and concomitant ritual respect constitute the very heart of these traditions.

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## Section 2

### Columbus, His Voyages and Other Early Explorations

Christopher Columbus was a product of urban Italy where commerce and cultural and scientific innovation blossomed. Born in 1451, Columbus embodied the aggressive, competitive, acquisitive traits that characterized life in his native Genoa. He developed into a fine navigator who combined extraordinary courage and tenacity with a strong strain of religiosity and even of medievalism. His faith took the form of a kind of messianism: his belief that he was divinely chosen to lead.

In 1485, after an unsuccessful attempt to convince King João II of Portugal to sponsor his grand enterprise, Columbus traveled to Spain and began the six-year effort to convince its sovereigns to back his idea. Isabela, perhaps because she shared Columbus' crusading messianic Catholicism and now felt possessed with a new sense of mission after the victory in Granada over the Moslems and the decree expelling Jews who refused to convert, finally agreed. In return for claiming new lands for the Spanish kingdoms, Columbus was promised titles, the rank of admiral and viceroy of the lands discovered, and one-tenth of the wealth.

The three ships, the Niña, the Pinta and the Santa María left the Spanish port of Palos on August 3, 1492. After a three-week stop over in the Canary Islands, Columbus and his 92-man crew finally lost sight of the Old World on September 9. After 33 days sailing in Columbus' words "West; nothing to the North, nothing to the South," at 2:00 a.m. on the morning of October 12, Rodrigo de Triana sighted land. At daybreak Columbus and his party waded onto the Bahamian island whose local name was Guanahani and beheld the Taino natives whose names were soon lost to history. The Spanish renamed the island San Salvador.

The first blessing the New World bestowed on the Old was to save the lives of Columbus, who had so grossly miscalculated the distance to Asia, and his crew. If it had not been for America, they would certainly have perished because the ship was not designed or provisioned to sail, non-stop, west from Europe to China.

During October and November the ships continued exploring the Bahamas, and reached the coasts of Cuba and Hispaniola. The Santa María was shipwrecked on Hispaniola on Christmas Eve, and Columbus left 39 crew members at Navidad--the first European settlement in the New World. The Niña, captained by Columbus, and the Pinta returned by sailing north into the Gulf Stream.

In March 1493, the Niña and Pinta reached Palos in Spain, and in September, Columbus left from Cádiz on his second voyage to the New World. He had seventeen vessels and 1200 men to establish a permanent Spanish settlement on Hispaniola and a base for colonization of the Caribbean. Before he returned to Spain in 1496, he explored and colonized the islands of Jamaica and Puerto Rico and some of the lesser Antilles, and he further explored the coasts of Cuba. Columbus was made governor of Hispaniola, which was to become the base for Spain's colonization of the Caribbean, and returned to Spain in 1496. He undertook another voyage in 1498.

Columbus was a better visionary than administrator, and his system of control over both the Spanish and the Indians began to break down. Colonists streamed back to Spain with reports of misrule by Columbus. In the year 1500, at the dawn of the Spanish century, Columbus returned to Spain a prisoner in chains charged with mismanagement, arbitrary abuse of power and enslavement and mistreatment of Indians, the Crown's subjects. Isabela remained a steadfast supporter of Columbus, though, perhaps because they shared religious convictions. Others, including Ferdinand were not so kind. In his last years, Columbus suffered a withering barrage of criticism and scorn.

In April 1502, Columbus was permitted his fourth voyage to America, making landfall in Martinique in only 21 days after leaving Grand Canary. After exploring the Caribbean coast of Central America, he was marooned on Jamaica for nearly a year. In November 1504, Columbus returned to Spain for the last time. By now his reputation was in tatters. As a trading post the New World was clearly a disappointment. For a quarter century after Columbus, Spaniards were only interested in finding a way through the land discovered by Columbus to the spice lands of the East.

Christopher Columbus died in 1506, a bitter man that he had not convincingly proved he had reached the East. He remained unaware of most of the marvels of the enormous continent that came curiously to be called by the name of a more obscure seaman from Florence, Amerigo Vespucci--a clever man who publicized what Columbus never admitted; that he had discovered a world previously unknown to Europeans.

What has been considered a new discovery or the beginning of a new society--the one we presently live in--was in fact the meeting of two previously isolated cultures, both rich in historical tradition. Yet, in good crusading tradition, the first thing Columbus did on October 12 was to claim the lands for the Spanish crown, an act which he repeated throughout his Caribbean landings. He was simply engaged in a transoceanic extension of the retaking of Spain from the Moslems. The difference is that in Spain heterogeneity was expelled; in the New World it was introduced forever.

Columbus synthesized the medieval personas of landlord, warrior and priest, while projecting the medieval concern with land. He was obsessed with discovering as many islands and lands as possible to take in the name of Christian Spain. God was to be glorified through discovery and dominion over new lands. But man as His divine instrument, as religious inspiration, drove Columbus' earthly search for immortality.

Land and gold were preferred over men. Human beings were less important than his mission. Columbus immediately set out to enslave Indians and later in the second voyage, instituted the practice of mutilating those Native Americans that would not find and bring him gold. Since gold was the quintessential factor in funding missionary work, to fail to find gold was an act of rebellion against the Grand Design.

"Good Indians" would be Christianized. "Bad Indians," those who were bellicose, practiced cannibalism, or simply resisted the missionary efforts of the Spanish, would be enslaved, put to work in Hispaniola or sold in Spain. When Columbus transported a dozen Native Americans back to Spain with him and six survived the voyage, the brutal trans-Atlantic slave trade began. The Spanish soon convinced themselves that it was necessary to compel the Indians to work because they were inherently averse to it. Hence, this period also witnessed the establishment of the *repartimiento* or forced labor tribute system which lasted into the 19th century.

Finally, Columbus initiated what would become a demographic catastrophe. Estimates of the number of people in America in 1492 range from 50 to 100 million, but whether the population of Antilles was in the millions or hundreds of thousands, no one disputes that within a few years it had been reduced to a fraction. The population of Hispaniola declined by one-third in the years 1494-96 and by nine-tenths in the first 20 years of the occupation. Puerto Rico, Cuba, and Jamaica had a similar experiences. Within 60 years the Taino and Arawak were extinct as a human group. And the process continued for the Aztec, Maya and Inca empires which, by the time these populations began to recover in the eighteenth century, had been reduced to a twentieth of their pre-contact size.

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### Section 3

#### Impacts on Europe and the World

The immediate consequences of Columbus' voyage to the New World and the "encounter" appeared inconsequential. Columbus found very little gold and began enslaving the local population, in part, as a compensation for this lack. But slavery was frowned upon; keeping her Spanish subjects in chains was not the Queen's idea of converting the heathen and consolidating the empire. In the Antilles there were no silks, fine cloths or tapestries, no precious gems, porcelain or other items deemed to be luxuries; the spices were few and seemed inelegant to the Europeans. And most suspected that Columbus had not landed in the Orient.

But ultimately, the events of 1492 produced a momentous watershed in world history. The wealth of America had a major impact on Europe and the world economy. New World treasure expanded world trade and ultimately bankrolled the realization of Columbus' dream--the development of new trade routes to the East. The creation of the European nation-state and the triumph of capitalism are both a function of the long term consequences of 1492. In Spain, however, one of poorest countries in Europe, the gold and especially the silver of seventeenth century Mexico and Peru caused a runaway inflation and ruined vast numbers of peasants.

Over the long run the era that began with 1492 vastly enlarged the scope of international relations, as Europeans competed for the land and people of a New World. The enterprise of Columbus globalized the developed world's struggle for the hearts and minds of what today is the Third World--as both a means of control and exploitation and as an ideological end in itself.

The contact between Europeans and Native Americans initiated a period of vast intercontinental migration of humans, animals, plants and microbes. The Atlantic slave trade mushroomed by the seventeenth century, with enormous social, economic and cultural consequences for Africa and America (see Section 6 of this Sourcebook). Perhaps the most significant result of 1492 was the vast American encounter of races from four continents. As a result, today there are two Europes and two Africas: an older and a newer one on either side of the Atlantic.

The most appalling result of the European conquest of America was the catastrophic impact on its indigenous peoples. Even so sympathetic a biographer of Columbus as Samuel Eliot Morison could write that "the cruel policy initiated by Columbus and pursued by his successors resulted in complete genocide." Cruelty, mistreatment, slavery and later, forced labor took their toll. But the Native Americans' most hideous enemies



were the invisible killers which Europeans brought. Within a quarter of a century after Columbus' landing, pandemics of small pox, tuberculosis and other European and African diseases were sweeping through the Greater Antilles, Mexico and Central America. Unlike recent New World arrivals, Native Americans had no immune defenses against these scourges. In four generations the major Indian groups of the Antilles had been wiped out and within two centuries the population decline of all Native Americans approached ninety-five percent or more.

It should be noted, however, that the indigenous population began to recover in the eighteenth century and over the long term, there occurred an overall population explosion. As Alfred Crosby writes, "it seems for every Indian who died, a European or an African has disembarked and proceeded to found a family." This was less true of the North American continent. Tragically, North American Indians, much less numerous and relatively isolated from European depredations during the first four centuries after Columbus, suffered severe demographic decline in the nineteenth century as a result of the violent U.S. expansion westward.

Although the issue is still shrouded in controversy, there is evidence that Native Americans repaid their conquerors, to a degree, by passing on syphilis to Europe. It is certain that the first recorded outbreak of syphilis occurred in the mid-1490's and an epidemic of syphilis appeared like the pox in the last year of the fifteenth century. Syphilis became a permanent factor of human existence in Europe and its impact on social and cultural history has been enormous. Guy de Maupassant and Nietzsche were just two of the people who died insane from the disease. Yet its effects were not to be compared to the devastation wreaked by European diseases on New World peoples.

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## Section 4

### Impacts on the Western Hemisphere

Subsequent to Columbus' initial arrival in the Caribbean, the impacts of European conquest and colonization were complex. These impacts varied widely, depending on the time and place of arrival.

The first major impact was the death of millions of indigenous people caused by war, forced labor, and disease. Another obvious impact was the immigration of Europeans needed for creation of settler cultures and colonial governments patterned after European models of government. This process usually led to the disenfranchisement of native peoples. Then there was the influx of African slaves and European indentured servants where there were too few Indians left to do the labor required to produce wealth for the colonizer. This immigration and trade was followed by the mixing of the newcomers with indigenous people in less racist colonies and with the creation of anti-miscegenation laws in more racist ones like the United States. There were new types of economic structures imposed in the hemisphere with the creation of land grants or *encomiendas*, of private property, the exploitation of metals, minerals, timber and other resources to enrich the colonial settlers and the crowns of Europe. Over time independent settler states and nations were developed. One of the major impacts was the industrialization of the northern areas of the hemisphere and the underdevelopment of the southern areas that were originally the richest in natural resources. Plants, animals, microbes and ecosystems underwent major changes: this will be discussed in the next section.

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**"Indian Roots of American Democracy."** Special issue of *Northeast Indian Quarterly*. Examines the influence of the Iroquois Great Law of Peace on the formation of the United States democracy. \$12.00 from Akwe:kon Press, 400 Caldwell Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853.

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## Section 5

### Ecological and Agricultural Impacts

The encounter between the two worlds spawned an unprecedented dispersion of food with consequences for both the Old World and the New. Bananas and sugar cane were brought to the Antilles from Madeira and the Canaries where sugar was already a lucrative cash crop. Both flourished in the New World. By 1530 there were thirty-four sugar mills there. Coffee eventually traveled from North East Africa to the New World highlands.

The history of European horticulture in America began with the second voyage of Columbus, when he returned to Espanola with seeds and cuttings for the planting of rice, barley, wheat, oats, chickpeas, melons, onions, radishes, salad greens, grape vines, sugar cane and stone fruits (e.g., plum, peach, apple). Domestic animals introduced from Europe included horses, cows (cattle ranching became a mainstay of the sixteenth century economy of America with ultimate consequences for the development of the western U.S.), pigs, sheep, goats and chickens. The scope of this mutual exchange is underscored when one considers that Kentucky bluegrass, daisies and dandelions, to name only three out of hundreds, are Old World in origin.

Agricultural gifts from the New World to Old World included maize, white and sweet potatoes (known only in Andes), beans, corn, squash, manioc (cassava), heniquen (a plant used for rope fiber), cacao (chocolate), quinine, turkey, vanilla, tapioca, and rubber. Corn, beans and potatoes alone revolutionized the European diet and had a profound impact on population growth and the rise of capitalism. The impact of this exchange resonated around the globe. India and South East Asia began to grow pumpkins in quantities, China developed peanuts, corn and sweet potatoes in abundance. Something like one-third of the plant food raised to feed people and their animals today comes from plants of American origin.

The biological exchanges that occurred after 1492 had a profound impact on human and natural environments in both the Old and New Worlds. The transfer of Old World plants and animals enhanced the capacity of the New World to feed the growing non-Native population and sustain the recovery of the Native population after two centuries of decline. However, in introducing (intentionally and unintentionally) a whole range of plant and animal species from the Old World, European contact with the New World created a process of environmental interference and eco-system disruption that ultimately have had near-ruinous consequences.

As this alien life adapted, it displaced the native species, transforming the

ecological balance of the Caribbean. Animals--especially horses and cattle--destroyed native habitats. Everywhere animal stocks depleted native grasses, compacted the tropical soils, and stripped the ground cover that had resisted soil erosion. Native Americans themselves were affected, losing out in the biological competition with the newly imported livestock. Europeans came with the prevailing notion of subduing and dominating nature rather than integrating their existence with it. The pre-Columbian era of Native American societies living in a kind of sacred symbiosis with their environment--neither conquering nature nor submitting to it, but bonded to it in love and respect--had ended.

The assumptions that led humans to devise a proprietary right over the land are inextricably caught up with those that engendered Western civilization. Although it may be argued the Hebrew Bible has been misinterpreted and used as justification for Western anthropocentrism, a theological foundation of this dogma is nevertheless firmly grounded in Genesis 1:28, as Adam and his descendants assert a "God-given dominion over all living things." It is difficult today to realize how thoroughly this doctrine of human dominion over nature dominated the ideological development of Western civilization. The point is that many early exponents of Christianity--theologians, preachers and commentators--and practitioners undoubtedly were committed to nature's exploitation to serve humanity, and their arguments were grounded in Biblical dogma. Accordingly, the conquest of nature was virtually synonymous with what was considered proper land utilization in the West.

When this civilization encountered the untrammelled Americas, they deemed it a "howling wilderness" populated with beasts and "bestial men or savages." According to this ethos, the American landscape was viewed as something "other," a metaphor of evil, revealing a hostile or beckoning landscape that required transformation into "God's garden"--the pastoral Eden. Indeed, this transformation of wildness was deemed to be "man's" responsibility. Since Native Americans had not transformed the land in accordance with "God's charter"--Genesis 1:28--it was concluded that they were unfit stewards and therefore lacking title to the land.

In contrast, for thousands of years, Native Americans attending traditional mythologies that championed accord and harmony with nature had made little or only moderate impact upon the land about them. Their methods of land tenure, ecological interaction, mythic identification, and ritual renewal contribute significantly to contemporary theories of environmental ethics and manifest a foundation of respect for nature. These environmental values continue to manifest themselves in the traditional religious practices of modern Natives and they are seriously threatened by development on public and private lands, particularly in cases of sacred geography.

The sources in this section are in four parts: (A) General overviews and histories of ecological and agricultural impacts, (B) Examples of the fur trade impact on North America, (C) Native American ecological relationships and environmental ethics, and (D) Material specifically related to recent deforestation of the rainforest.

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#### **Audiovisuals:**

"Land of the Eagle." Eight part PBS video series reveals the North American continent as it was a hundred years ago, mixing natural history, geology and the history of westward expansion, with its impacts on the indigenous population. Excellent. \$259.95 (includes shipping) from PBS. Telephone: 800-343-4PBS.

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Krech, Sherpard, III, ed. *Indians, Animals, and the Fur Trade: A Critique of Keepers of the Game*. Athens: The University of Georgia Press, 1981. 207 pp. A response from anthropologists and ethno-historians to Martin's controversy concerning the Native American fur trade impact.

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Callicott, J. Baird. *In Defense of the Land Ethic: Essays in Environmental Philosophy*. Albany: State University of New York Press, 1989. 325 pp. Includes two seminal articles regarding American Indian environmental ethics.

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Hughes, J. Donald. *American Indian Ecology*. El Paso: Texas Western Press, 1983. 174 pp. Investigates Indian attitudes toward the natural environment and documents practices derived from those views.

Mathews, John. *Talking to the Moon*. Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 1981. 243 pp.

Moon, Sheila. *Changing Woman and her Sisters: Feminine Aspects of Selves and Deities*. San Francisco: Guild for Psychological Studies Publishing House, 1984. 232 pp.

**Nabhan, Gary.** *The Desert Smells Like Rain: a Naturalist in Papago Indian Country.* Berkeley: North Point Press. 148 pp.

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Across Central and South America there are new debates related to ecology, the definition of "development" and the construction of romantic "Indianism" swirling around the rapid liquidation of rainforest trees. This is a volatile and complicated issue, with much recent invoking of Columbus by nearly all sides. Some resources:

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**Anderson, Anthony B., ed.** *Alternatives to Deforestation: Steps Toward Sustainable Use of the Amazon Rain Forest.* New York: Columbia University Press, 1990. 312 pp.

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**Clay, Jason, ed.** *Indigenous Peoples and Tropical Forests.* Summarizes the research undertaken to date on activities used by indigenous peoples to sustain their populations and environment. Also includes an extensive bibliography on the subject of resource management in tropical forests. \$8.00 from Cultural Survival, 53-A Church Street, Cambridge, MA 02138.

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**Genino, Angela, ed.** *Amazonia: Voices from the Rainforest.* A comprehensive guide to groups, international organizations and resources related to the Amazon's rainforest. Available for \$8.50 from the Rainforest Action Network, 301 Broadway, Suite A, San Francisco, CA 94133.

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**"Amazonia: Voices of the Rainforest."** Rosainés Aguirre and Glenn Switkes. 80 minutes. Historical and present-day attempts of indigenous people to defend their homeland from exploitation. Amazonia, PO Box 77438, San Francisco, CA 94107. Telephone: 415-243-4146.

**"Banking on Disaster."** 78 minutes. Examination, over eight years, of a World Bank-funded resettlement scheme in the heart of the Amazon. Contact: Bullfrog Films, Oley, PA 19547.

**"Chico Mendes: a Voice from the Amazon."** 60 minutes. A documentary on the life and work of the Brazilian rubber tapper leader shortly before his murder. Contact: Cinema Guild, 1697 Broadway, Room 802, New York, NY 10019.

## Section 6

### Slavery

Who defines "freedom?" The slave or the slave owner? Why is such a question necessary to raise in 1992? How does it affect the struggles for equality within and among the nations of the Western Hemisphere today? Why is Africa only recently accepted with pride by the descendants of slaves in the Western Hemisphere? These questions are directly linked to the heritage of slavery in both North and South America, as well as Central America and the Caribbean. This history is often not acknowledged in its totality, especially in those countries still suffering from the as-yet-unresolved legacy of the colonial-plantation system. The untold stories owe their secret to the fact that the voices of the men and women who were slaves were by and large muted.

Though slavery as an institution goes back to antiquity, it is its more recent triangular formation embodying European commercial appropriation of African men, women, and children to work in mines or plantations in the Americas that concerns us here. By definition, slavery was a social and economic institution that determined the culture and structure of society. There were four characteristics of slave society: 1) A slave's labor or services were gotten through force; 2) His or her physical being was considered the property of the master or owner and could thus be beaten, mutilated, raped, and tortured at will; 3) The slave was entirely subject to the master's will; 4) The slave was legally defined as a thing and therefore could be bought, sold, traded, given as a gift, or otherwise used as currency. According to Article One, Section 2 in the United States Constitution, slaves were deemed "three-fifths of all other persons." [Although the "three fifths" language was a political ploy at the time by non slave-holding states not to give the slave-holding states of the South a greater representation in Congress, this constitutional language remains to this day.]

Africans in the "New" World resisted their condition as slaves in different ways. In many countries, they revolted and formed runaway communities or maroon settlements, some of which lasted for decades, such as the Republic of Palmares in Brazil, or were strong enough to force treaties from colonial rulers, such as happened in Jamaica. Or, they retreated into tropical rainforest regions as did the Djukkas in Surinam. Haiti was the only case in which a people managed both to emancipate itself from slavery and form a new nation simultaneously. In all slave societies, the retention of African cultural survivals was often a purposeful form of resistance.

Women throughout the hemisphere were often deliberate in resisting the fact that they had no control over their bodies, sometimes aborting pregnancies, or sharing African customs and traditions with their own or their owner's children. Many of the cultural

values in the United States South and beyond owe much to the slave women who nursed and raised the children, thereby transmitting their own religious, culinary, and linguistic cultural characteristics to succeeding generations. One could say that much of national culture thus reflects both the shared heritage of slavery, as well as the denial of its significance as a socio-historical, cultural marker.

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**"Burn!"** Key Video, 1987. Produced by United Artists. 113 minutes. Video recording. Originally made in 1970, also titled "Queimada." Gillo Pontecorvo's feature film starring Marlon Brando as England's representative whose purpose is to manipulate slave revolts and other events in a fictitious island in the Caribbean. Available from Key Video (\$19.98), 1211 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY, 10036. Telephone: 212-819-3238.

**"The Last Supper."** New Yorker Video, 1977. 110 minutes. Video recording. A complex interplay between two issues simultaneously: the Catholic desire to both missionize and rationalize treatment of slaves and the need to increase production of sugar in a year when England is out to eliminate slavery. Available from Facets Multimedia (\$69.95), 1517 West Fullerton Avenue, Chicago, IL, 60614. Telephone: 800-331-6197.

**"Quilombo."** New Yorker Video, 1984. Directed by Carlos Diegues. Music by Gilberto Gil. 114 minutes. Video Recording. A somewhat mythical, fictionalized account of the Republic of Palmares in Brazil, founded by runaway slaves and which lasted from 1600-1696. Available in Seattle at Scarecrow Video. Available from New Yorker Films (\$350.00), 16 West 61st Street, NY, New York, 10023. Telephone: 212-247-6110.

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## Section 7

### Indians of North America

Five hundred years after Columbus sailed into the western hemisphere, there are millions of indigenous people still living in the Americas, and struggling to maintain significant attributes of their cultures. In Latin America there are countries such as Guatemala and Bolivia where the majority of people speak an indigenous language for their first language and Spanish as a second or third language. In Mexico there are 12 million people who speak their indigenous language.

Even in the United States and Canada where the physical and cultural genocide of indigenous peoples has been most violent, American Indian tribes remain as semi-sovereign nations. There are traditional and reform governments of various sorts, and in some places there is a small land base as well. In the post World War II era, tribes have been striving for self-determination with the development of American Indian leadership through such organizations as the National Congress of American Indians. The goal of contemporary tribes is to provide a solid economic base so that Indian culture can be strengthened. Tribes are investing in tribal schools, pre-school programs, language instruction, health education, and other tribal institutions to provide for cultural transmission to future generations.

There are numerous publications in Indian languages. A newspaper is published in the Navaho language, and another in Cherokee. People maintain customs, practice traditional religions and resist disappearing. There is a rich contemporary Native American art movement in both traditional and modernist or post-modernist styles. There is a flourishing literature in English by Native writers, and a lively theater scene.

It is hard to generalize about such a diverse group of people living in all the nations of the Americas, responding to radically different pressures from the different settler governments set up by the conquerors who took the land and resources wherever and whenever they could. This is a topic of immense complexity. If you wish to understand more about it, we suggest research on the conditions faced by the Yanomami, the Maya Quiche, the Navaho, the Osage, the Lummi, the James Bay Cree, the Mapuche, and the Guarani to understand that in North and South the conditions are not all the same, but that the struggle to endure is everywhere.

This section focuses mainly on North American Native peoples, and is divided into six sections: (A) General Non-fiction, (B) Native American Resistance and Social Movements, (C) Sacred Geography and American Indian Religious Freedom, (D) Periodicals on Native American Life and Issues, (E) Native American literature, and (F) Art History.

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**"The Broken Treaty at Battle Mountain."** Directed by Joel Freedman. Narrated by Robert Redford. Cinema Guild, 1974. 60 minutes. A film that looks at the land-right struggle of native people in Nevada. Available from Cinema Guild (\$100.00 rental), 1697 Broadway, Suite 802, New York, NY 10019. Telephone: 212-246-5522.

**"Columbus Didn't Discover Us."** First Continental Congress for Indigenous Peoples. Quito, Equador, 1990. 30 minutes. VHS. Filmed at the First Continental Congress for Indigenous Peoples. the video contains interviews with and speeches by Native leaders from throughout the Americas. English and Spanish versions available. Contact: Turning Tide Productions, P.O. Box 864, Wendell, MA 01379. Telephone: 508-544-8313.

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**"A Weave of Time."** Produced by Susan Fashel. 60 minute film. A beautiful film depicting the work of anthropologist John Adair over his 50-year association with a Navajo family. Photographs and film footage illuminate the economies of weaving and silversmithing, and the process of language loss. Available from Direct Cinema Limited, PO Box 69799, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Telephone: 800-525-0000.

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**Cultural Survival Quarterly.** Addresses issues of immediate and long-term concern to indigenous peoples throughout the world. Reports on projects and problems related to efforts to enable indigenous groups to sustain their cultures. \$25.00/year. Cultural Survival, Inc. 53-A Church Street, Cambridge, MA 02138.

**huracán, "500 years of resistance."** Small quarterly newspaper published by the Alliance for Cultural Democracy. \$15.00/year. huracán, P.O. Box 7591, Minneapolis, MN 55407.

**Indigenous Thought.** Bi-monthly newspaper on indigenous issues, published by the Committee for American Indian History. \$10.00/year. Agriculture and Human Values, Inc., 6802 S.W. 13th Street, Gainesville, FL 32608. Telephone: 904-378-3246.

**Report on the Americas.** Analysis and reports on the political economy of the Americas. \$22.00/year. Contact North American Congress on Latin America, 475 Riverside Drive, Suite 454, New York, NY 10115.

- Also, NACLA has published "Native Peoples of the Americas" XXV, 3, December 1991. Issue is devoted to Native American themes, placing Native Americans and contemporary Indian movements of the Americas--from Canada to Bolivia--in historical perspective. One of several reports relating to the Quincentennial, each of which comes with a study guide.  
(For complete citation, see Section 10.)

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## **PART E. NATIVE AMERICAN LITERATURE**

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## Section 8

### Indians of Washington, and the Impacts of Treaty Making

Asian exchanges with Indians in the Northwest probably occurred prior to the Spanish, British, Russian, and United States explorations and settlements along the northwest coast. While the period between first contact with European colonists and Treaties and removal to reservations spanned three centuries in what is now the eastern United States, this period from contact to Treaties spanned just two generations in what is now Washington State. Indeed, as Cecilia Svinth Carpenter observes, "the Indian people of the lower Puget Sound were the last to know that they were slowly being surrounded by foreign powers," when in 1792 the first British vessels explored the region. With Russian settlements to the North, and Spanish settlements to the south, Britain and the United States made a Joint Occupancy Treaty of the Oregon Country in 1818 "to occupy and utilize" the land--no indigenous peoples were party to this first agreement about the lands they'd occupied for thousands of years. In 1833, The British Hudson Bay Company established the first European settlement in lower Puget Sound--a fur trading outpost, Fort Nisqually, at the mouth of the Nisqually River. Three years later, before any significant contact in Indian country with non-Indians, a major smallpox epidemic swept through the Northwest, killing thousands of Indians.

Four hundred treaties were negotiated with the Native American Nations during the treaty-making years that ended in 1871. In *The Federalist*, treaties are described as contracts between nations. Like any other contract, a treaty involves an exchange of things, and usually provides for its execution within a certain period of time. Russell Barsh, in *Understanding Indian Treaties as Law*, responds to several questions (What do treaties exchange? How are treaties made? Why the President and the Senate?):

"Some treaties exchange land for money, just like contracts for the sale of land. These are called 'cessions.' Others provide for special trading privileges for citizens of the two governments, or organize joint ventures for their mutual advantage. Businesses often make contracts of that nature. Through their representatives, both countries negotiate an agreement. Under the Constitution the United States is not bound by an agreement unless it has the approval of both the President and the Senate. Other countries have their own procedures for approving or 'ratifying' treaties. Like a contract, a treaty is not binding upon either party unless both have made and approved it in the manners provided by their laws. The framers of the Constitution were mostly concerned with military agreements and alliances when they drafted the Treaty Clause. They felt that secrecy, speed and decisiveness in reaching strategic decisions required that a single individual--the President--make the agreement

and that a small, select, and, in those days secret body--the Senate--should give it final approval. Nowadays, the Senate is no longer such a small and secretive body, and Presidents prefer making 'Executive Agreements' with the approval of both Houses of Congress like any other laws.

In response to questions about Treaties and Indian Treaties (Why were Indian treaties made? What do Indian treaties say? Why did we stop making Indian treaties? Could tribes become a part of the national political system?), Russell Barsh responds:

"Treaties have been made with Indian Nations since the first European explorers visited North America. There are 366 treaties still in force with Indian Nations in the United States. Indian treaties were made for several reasons. Tribes were frequently able to defend against encroachments on their lands, forcing American settlers to pay for what they needed. Many European nations refused to recognize the legitimacy of conquest as a means of acquiring tribal territory, so to protect its interests in international affairs the United States had to show that it was acquiring tribal lands peacefully. Finally, treaties often provided commercial and military advantages for both parties. Tribes are part of our political system. Treaties, like the Constitution and states' enabling acts, are agreements for sharing political power with the national government. Like states, tribes manage their own internal affairs subject to federal laws. There are differences between the specific powers of states and tribes, some of which tribes would like to keep and some of which they would like to change. On the whole, though, both states and tribes are local governments protecting, to the best of their abilities, the interests of their citizens."

White farming settlements rapidly followed the first fur-trading outposts. By 1846, the U.S. and Great Britain ended their joint occupation agreement, and the British agreed to settle north of the 49th parallel. Two years later, the Oregon and Washington Territories were created. The next decade was transformative. Isaac Stevens, the first territorial governor and Superintendent of Indian Affairs, and his government set out to negotiate treaties and reservation sites with each tribal group in the territory. Far outnumbered both by the potential force of territorial volunteers and army regulars, most Indian groups reluctantly negotiated. Other groups resisted, particularly a small group of Nisquallies and Puyallups led by a Nisqually leader, Leschi. The resolution of the brief "Indian War of 1855-56" did lead to slightly larger reservation lands for the tribes involved, but, with the killing of Leschi and his brother, it effectively broke the tiny power base of physical resistance that still existed. For the decades that followed, resistance took other, less visible forms.

Currently 36 Indian Tribes reside in the State of Washington; all culturally, socially, politically influenced by their thousands of years residency. Many entered into formal treaties (six treaties) with the United States, some were treated with by executive order, a few continue to seek federal recognition. To understand today's tribal challenges it is

important to consider how Indians in Washington State met physical, social, and spiritual needs at the time when they were encountering non-Indians.

This chapter is presented in the following sections:

- (A) Ethnographic Studies of Indians in Washington
- (B) The Northwest in the Treaty Period
- (C) Native American Resistance in Washington
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- (E) Indian Tribes in Washington Today
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*"In pre-treaty times Indian settlements were widely dispersed throughout Western Washington. There was considerable local diversity in the availability and importance of specific animal, plant and mineral resources used for food and artifacts. But one common cultural characteristic among all of these Indians was the almost universal and generally paramount dependence upon the products of an aquatic economy, especially anadromous fish, to maintain the Indian way of life."*

U.S. v. Washington (1974)

## PART A. ETHNOGRAPHIC STUDIES OF INDIANS IN WASHINGTON

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*"Great nations, like great men, keep their word."*

Justice Hugo Black commenting on Indian Treaties.

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*"I have heard talk and talk, but nothing is done. Good words do not last long unless they amount to something. Words do not pay for my dead people. They do not pay for my country, now overrun by white men...Good words will not give my people good health and stop them from dying. Good words will not get my people home where they can live in peace and take care of themselves. I am tired of talk that comes to nothing."*

Chief Joseph, Nez Perce

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#### **PART D. LIBRARY HOLDINGS**

The following is a listing of academic libraries in the state that have significant holdings related to Native American history, culture and politics.

##### **Central Washington University, Ellensburg**

The general collection has strong holdings in Native American as well as general American history. For more information, contact Pat McLaughlin, Collection Development Librarian, Central Washington University, Ellensburg, WA 98926. Telephone: 509-963-2117.



### **Eastern Washington State Historical Society and Cheney Cowles Museum of Spokane**

The library's strength is in its Pacific Northwest history collection, the Native American component of which is extensive. Additionally, all materials and exhibits formerly housed at the now-closed Museum of Native American Culture in Spokane are in the process of being absorbed into the Society's collection. While not available to the public until cataloging is complete sometime in early 1993, this collection of artifacts, photographs and published materials is an unparalleled resource in terms of its breadth and depth. Telephone: 509-456-3931.

### **The Evergreen State College, Olympia**

A large, general, multicultural collection. For more information contact Lee Lyttle, Multicultural Reference Librarian, The Evergreen State College, Olympia, WA 98505. Telephone: 206-866-6000, extension 6252.

### **Historical Society of Seattle and King County, Seattle**

The Society's Sophie Frye Bass Library contains a fair number of photographs --many of which are "unabashedly post contact"--including several from the Edward Curtis collection. One focus of its published materials is volumes relating to native languages. For more information call 206-324-1126.

### **Northwest Indian College Library, Bellingham**

Not scheduled to open until 1993, this non-circulating cultural and historical research collection will feature Coast Salish cultural and historical photographs and artifacts. For more information, call Polly Hanson or Sharon Kimley at 206-676-2772, extension 104 after April 1, 1993.

### **University of Washington, Seattle**

A large, comprehensive collection of published material in the Suzello Library collection. In addition, the Allen Library has extensive holding of both published and photographic material relating to native peoples of the Pacific Northwest. For more information, contact Allen Library Special Collections and Preservation Division, Mailstop FM-25, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195. Telephone: 206-543-1929.

### **Washington State Library, Olympia**

The library's Washington Room houses published materials, clipping files and periodicals pertaining to state history in general and including a fair amount of information about Native American history and culture. Copies of the National Archives' Indian Agent Papers are also a part of this collection. For more information, call 206-753-4024.

### **Washington State University, Pullman**

The Holland Library has a core collection of books and government publications on Pacific Northwest History and the Indians of North America and Mexico. Special collections include rare books, manuscripts, and photographs on the Indians of the Interior Northwest. Contacts: Angela Lee, reference librarian; John Guido, head of manuscripts, archives and special collections, and Louis Vyhnanek, subject specialist in American history and Native American studies. Telephone: 509-335-2691.

### **Western Washington University, Bellingham**

An extensive collection of material, reports and published material relating to Lummi Indians, late 19th century Bureau of Indian Affairs documents and material on the history of Whatcom County as it relates to Indians. For more information, contact Dal Symes, Head of Reference, Wilson Library, Mailstop 9103, Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA 98225. Telephone: 206-543-1929.

### **Whitman College, Walla Walla**

The Penrose Library at Whitman houses the Eells Northwest Collection which includes published materials about Native American history and culture with a focus on the Nez Perce and Cayuse tribes. Also among the library's holdings are Umatilla tribal land claims records. For more information, contact library curator and archivist Lawrence L. Dodd, Penrose Library, Whitman College, 345 Boyer Avenue, Walla Walla, WA 99362. Telephone: 509-527-5922.

## **PART E. INDIAN TRIBES IN WASHINGTON TODAY**

The following is a listing of names and addresses of both the federally recognized and the "not recognized" tribes of Washington. Most tribes are not set up to have staff available to speak to the public. However, tribal staff can be of help in referring you to resources, library holdings or possible speakers.

Also, at the end of this chapter of the sourcebook are a listing of census information of Native Americans in Washington, and maps of Washington watersheds and tribes and the treaty areas of Western Washington.

**WASHINGTON STATE INDIAN TRIBES  
(Federally Recognized)**

**CHEHALIS TRIBE**

The Hon. Percy Youckton, Chair  
Chehalis Business Council  
P.O. Box 536  
Oakville, WA 98568  
(206) 273-5911  
OLYMPIA 753-3213  
FAX (206) 273-5914  
[Grays Harbor County]

**COLVILLE CONFEDERATED TRIBES**

The Hon. Eddie Palmenteer,  
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P.O. Box 150  
Nespelem, WA 99155  
(509) 634-4711  
FAX (509) 634-4116  
[Okanogan/Ferry Counties]

**HOH TRIBE**

The Hon. Mary Leitka, Chair  
Hoh Tribal Business Committee  
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Forks, WA 98331  
(206) 374-6582  
FAX (206) 374-6549  
[Jefferson County]

**JAMESTOWN S'KLALLAM TRIBE**

The Hon. W. Ron Allen, Chair  
Jamestown Klallam Tribes  
305 Old Blyn Highway  
Sequim, WA 98382  
(206) 683-1109  
FAX (206) 683-4366  
[Clallam County]

**KALISPEL TRIBE**

The Hon. Glenn Nenema, Chair  
Kalispel Business Committee  
P.O. Box 39, Usk, WA 99180  
(509) 445-1147  
FAX (509) 445-1705  
[Pend Oreille County]

**ELWHA S'KLALLAM TRIBE**

The Hon. Carla Elofson, Chair  
Elwha S'Klallam Business Council  
1666 Lower Elwha Road  
Port Angeles, WA 98362-0298  
(206) 452-8471  
FAX (206) 452-3428  
[Clallam County]

**LUMMI TRIBE**

The Hon. Henry Cagey, Chair  
Lummi Business Council  
2616 Kwina Road  
Bellingham, WA 98226-9298  
(206) 734-8180  
FAX (206) 384-5521  
[Whatcom County]

**MAKAH TRIBE**

The Hon. Don Johnson, Chair  
Makah Tribal Council  
P.O. Box 115  
Neah Bay, WA 98357  
(206) 645-2205  
FAX (206) 645-2323  
[Clallam County]

**MUCKLESHOOT TRIBE**

The Hon. Virginia Cross, Chair  
Muckleshoot Tribal Council  
39015 172nd Avenue S.E.  
Auburn, WA 98002  
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FAX (206) 939-5311  
[King County]

**NISQUALLY TRIBE**

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Nisqually Indian Community  
4820 She-Nah-Num Drive S.E.  
Olympia, WA 98503 (206) 456-5221  
SCAN 234-0332  
FAX (206) 456-5280  
[Thurston County]

**NOOKSACK TRIBE**

The Hon. Hubert Williams, Chair  
Nooksack Indian Tribal Council  
P.O. Box 157  
Deming, WA 98244  
(206) 592-5176  
FAX (206) 592-5721  
[Whatcom County]

**PORT GAMBLE S'KLALLAM TRIBE**

The Hon. Gerald Jones, Chair  
Port Gamble Business Committee  
P.O. Box 280  
Kingston, WA 98346  
(206) 297-2646  
FAX (206) 297-7097  
SCAN 356-4583 [Kitsap County]

**PUYALLUP TRIBE**

The Hon. Roleen Hargrove, Chair  
Puyallup Tribal Council  
2002 East 28th Street  
Tacoma, WA 98404  
(206) 597-6200  
FAX (206) 272-9514  
[Pierce County]

**QUILEUTE TRIBE**

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Quileute Tribal Council  
P.O. Box 279  
La Push, WA 98350  
(206) 374-6163  
FAX (206) 374-6311  
[Clallam County]

**QUINAULT NATION**

The Hon. Joe De La Cruz, Chair  
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P.O. Box 189  
Taholah, WA 98587  
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FAX (206) 276-4191  
[Grays Harbor Co.]

**SAUK-SUIATTLE TRIBE**

The Hon. Lawrence Joseph, Chair  
Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe  
5318 Chief Brown Lane  
Darrington, WA 98241  
(206) 436-0131  
FAX (206) 436-1511  
[Snohomish County]

**SHOALWATER BAY TRIBE**

The Hon. Herbert Whitish, Chair  
Shoalwater Bay Tribal Council  
P.O. Box 130  
Tokeland, WA 98590  
(206) 267-6766  
FAX (206) 267-6778  
[Pacific County]

**SKOKOMISH TRIBE**

The Hon. Denny Hurtado, Chair  
Skokomish Tribal Council  
N. 80 Tribal Center Road  
Shelton, WA 98584  
(206) 426-4232  
FAX (206) 877-5943  
[Mason County]

**SPOKANE TRIBE**

The Hon. Bruce Wynne, Chair  
Spokane Tribal Business Council  
P.O. Box 100  
Wellpinit, WA 99040  
(509) 258-4581  
FAX (509) 258-4452  
[Stevens County]

**SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE**

The Hon. David Lopeman, Chair  
Sauaxin Island Tribal Council  
S.E. 70 Squaxin Lane  
Shelton, WA 98584  
(206) 426-9781  
FAX (206) 426-6577  
[Mason County]

**STILLAGUAMISH TRIBE**

The Hon. Gail Greger, Chair  
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3439 Stoluckquamish Lane  
Arlington, WA 98223  
(206) 652-7362 SCAN 464-7012  
FAX (206) 435-2204  
[Snohomish County]

**SUQUAMISH TRIBE**

The Hon. Georgia George, Chair  
Suquamish Tribal Council  
P.O. Box 498  
Suquamish, WA 98392  
(206) 598-3311  
FAX (206) 598-6295  
[Kitsap County]

**SWINOMISH TRIBE**

The Hon. Robert Joe, Sr., Chair  
Swinomish Indian Senate  
P.O. Box 817  
LaConner, WA 98257  
(206) 466-3163 SCAN 576-7511  
FAX (206) 466-5309  
[Skagit County]

**TULALIP TRIBES**

The Hon. Stan Jones, Sr., Chair  
Tulalip Board of Directors  
6700 Totem Beach Road  
Marysville, WA 98270-9694  
(206) 653-4585  
FAX (206) 653-0255  
[Snohomish County]

**UPPER SKAGIT TRIBE**

The Hon. Floyd Williams, Chair  
Upper Skagit Tribal Council  
2284 Community Plaza  
Sedro Wooley, WA 98284  
(206) 856-5501 SCAN 542-3175  
FAX (206) 856-3175  
[Skagit County]

**YAKIMA NATION**

The Hon. Wilferd Yallup, Chair  
Yakima Tribal Council  
P.O. Box 151  
Toppenish, WA 98948  
(509) 865-5121  
FAX (509) 865-5745  
[Yakima/Klickitat Counties]

**WASHINGTON STATE INDIAN TRIBES  
(Landless - Not Federally Recognized)**

**CHINOOK TRIBE**

The Hon. Donald Mechals, Chair  
Chinook Indian Tribe  
Box 228  
Chinook, WA 98614  
(206) 777-8303  
[Pacific County]

**COWLITZ TRIBE**

The Hon. Jerry Bouchard, Chair  
Cowlitz Indian Tribe  
220 Ventura Drive  
Kelso, WA 98626  
(206) 577-6353  
[Cowlitz County]

**DUWAMISH TRIBE**

The Hon. Cecile Maxwell, Chair  
Duwamish Tribe  
15616 1st Avenue South  
Seattle, WA 98148  
(206) 244-0606  
FAX (206) 431-8645  
[King County]

**MARIETTA BAND OF NOOKSACK  
TRIBE**

The Hon. Robert Davis, Chair  
Marietta Band of Nooksack Indians  
1827 Marine Dr.  
Bellingham, WA 98226  
[Whatcom County]

**SAMISH TRIBE**

The Hon. Margaret Green, Chair  
Samish Tribe of Indians  
P.O. Box 217  
Anacortes, WA 98221  
(206) 293-6404  
[Skagit County]

**SNOHOMISH TRIBE**

The Honorable Alfred B. Cooper, Chair  
\*Jack M. Kidder, Financial Secretary  
Snohomish Tribe of Indians  
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Anacortes, WA 98221  
(206) 293-7716  
[Skagit County]

**SNOQUALMIE TRIBE**

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Snoqualmie Tribal Council  
18525 Novelty Hill Rd.  
Redmond, WA 98052  
(206) 885-7464  
[King County]

**SNOQUALMOO TRIBE**

The Hon. Lon J. Posenjak, Chair  
Snoqualmoo Tribe of Indians  
P.O. Box 463  
Coupeville, WA 98239  
(206) 221-8301  
[Island County]

STEILACOOM TRIBE  
The Hon. Joan K. Ortez, Chair  
Steilacoom Indian Tribe  
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Steilacoom, WA 98388  
[Pierce County]



## Census Information on Native Americans in Washington State

### 1990 Total Reservation Population

U.S. Census Bureau

### Total Indian Population on Reservations

U.S. Census Bureau

Chehalis	491	308
Colville	6,957	3,788
Hoh	96	74
Jamestown S'Klallam	22	4
Kalispel	100	91
Lower Elwah	137	130
Lummi	3,147	1,594
Makah	1,214	940
Muckleshoot	3,841	864
Nisqually	578	365
Nooksack	556	412
Port Gamble S'Klallam	552	377
Port Madison (Suquamish)	4,834	388
Puyallup	32,406	937
Quileute	381	303
Quinault	1,216	943
Sauk Suiattle	124	69
Shoalwater	131	66
Skokomish	614	431
Spokane	1,502	1,229
Squaxin Island	157	127
Stillaquamish	113	96
Swinomish	2,282	585
Tulalip	7,103	1,204
Upper Skagit	108	162
Yakima	27,668	6,307
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>96,330</b>	<b>21,794</b>

Total population of Washington state: 4,866,692

Total Indian, Eskimo, Aleut population in Washington: 81,483

## **PART F. SPEAKER RESOURCES**

In addition to the resources listed below, the tribal listing above also provides excellent contacts for assistance in locating speakers.

### **American Friends Service Committee**

Pacific Northwest Regional Office  
814 Northeast 40th Street  
Seattle, Washington 98105  
206-632-0500  
Bernice Delorme, Executive Secretary  
Roy Sahali

Portland Office  
2249 East Burnside  
Portland, Oregon 97214  
503-230-9427

Yakima Valley Program  
520 East Madison  
Sunnyside, Washington 98944  
509-839-777

### **Committee for American Indian History**

Indigenous Thought  
Jan Elliott  
6802 Southwest 13th Street  
Gainesville, Florida 32608  
904-378-3246

### **First Nations House of Learning**

University of British Columbia  
Madeline MacIvor  
6365 Biological Sciences Road  
Vancouver, BC V6T 1Z4  
Canada  
604-822-8940

### **500 Years of Indigenous, Black and Popular Resistance**

Lillian Howard  
3821 Lister Street  
Burnaby, BC V5G 2B9  
Canada  
604-533-0508

### **History of Resistance: Autonomous People's Series**

6-880 East Georgia  
Vancouver, BC V6A 2A5  
Canada  
604-254-0019: Jill Bend  
604-251-1195: Kelly White

### **Lummi Indian Tribe**

Kurt Russo  
2616 Kwina Road  
Bellingham, Washington 98226  
206-647-6258

### **Indian Education Program Eastern Washington University**

Cecil José  
Eastern Washington University  
Cheney, Washington 99004  
509-359-6664

**Native American Studies Program  
The Evergreen State College**

David Whitener  
The Evergreen State College  
Olympia, Washington 98505  
206-866-6000, extension 6336

**Northwest Indian Fisheries  
Commission**

Steve Robinson or Tony Meyer  
6730 Martin Way East  
Olympia, Washington 98506  
206-438-1180

**Rethinking Columbus**

Bill Bigelow  
1223 Northeast Schuyler, #4  
Portland, Oregon 97212  
503-282-6848

**Washington State Commission for the  
Humanities**

107 Cherry Street, Suite 312  
Seattle, Washington 98104  
206-682-1770

**Washington State Historical Society**

Gary Schalliol  
315 North Stadium Way  
Tacoma, Washington 98403  
206-597-4226

## **PART G. OTHER RESOURCES**

### **Audiovisuals:**

**"As Long as the Rivers Run."** A film by Carol Burns about the fishing rights struggle at Nisqually and Puyallup, centering on the role that the people at Franks' Landing played. This film is about to be re-edited and brought up to date. For further information, call Carol Burns at 206-357-8288

**"Honor of All"** Produced by Phil Lucas. Three-film series (56 min, 43 min, 26 min respectively) which recounts the story of how the Alkali Lake band in Alberta rid their community of alcohol. Powerful. Available from Native American Public Broadcasting Consortium, PO Box 83111, Lincoln, NE 68501. Telephone: 402-472-3522.

**"Indian Boy in Today's World."** 16 mm. film, 13 min. A nine-year-old Makah Indian, who has lived on the reservation all his life is moving to Seattle to join his father. Rental: University of Idaho. Telephone: 208-885-7755.

**"Indian Treaties."** Purchased from the Institute for the Development of Indian Law by the Superintendent of Public Instruction. Narrated by Oren Lyons, a chief of the Onondaga Nation. For rental, contact: OSPI, Old Capital Bldg., PO Box 47200, Olympia, WA 98504-7200.

**"More Than Bows & Arrows."** Cinema Associates, 1978. 56 min. VHS tape. Shows the impact Native Americans have had on the development of the United States in government, national destiny, agriculture and food, transportation, architecture and urban development, science and technology, the arts, show business, medicine, and language and education. Rental University of Washington Extension Media, M-234 Kane Hall, DG-10, Seattle, WA 98195. Telephone: 206-543-9909.

**"Our Totem is the Raven."** King Screen Productions, 1972. 21 min. VHS. Chief Dan George takes his grandson into the forest to give him an understanding of the ways of his forefathers. Rental: Phoenix Films, 468 Park Avenue South, New York, NY 10016. Telephone: 212-684-5910.

**"Where The Spirit Lives."** Directed by Bruce Pittman, Music by Buffy St. Marie, 1989. 97 min. VHS tape. Winner of 25 Canadian and International awards. Follows the heartbreaking experience of a 13-year old Blackfoot Indian girl, kidnapped from her Tribe by a white agent and sent to a government supported church school. Purchase \$79.95 Baker and Taylor Video, 8140 North Lehigh Avenue, Morton Grove, IL 60053. Telephone: 708-965-8060.

### Curriculum Guides:

***Indians of Washington and the Environment.*** Compiled by Project Learning Tree 1989. PLT, 711 Capitol Way, Suite 608, Olympia, WA 98501. 44 pages. Environmental focused curriculum. Valuable information.

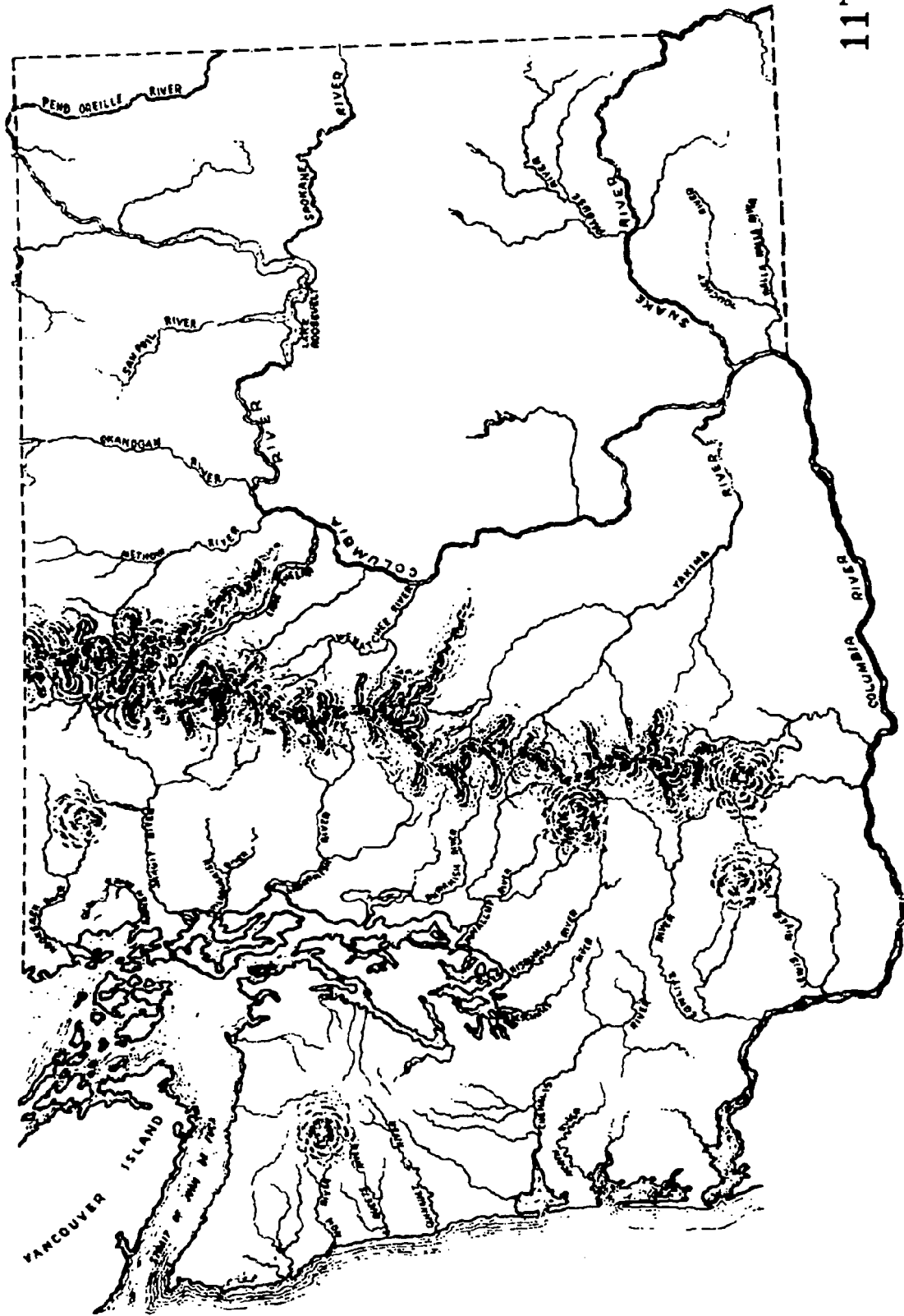
***Teaching About Thanksgiving.*** Introduction by Chuck Larsen. Written and developed by Cathy Ross, Mary Robertson, Chuck Larsen, and Roger Fernandes. Printed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, Washington State. OSPI, Old Capital Bldg., PO Box 47200, Olympia, WA 98504-7200. October 1990. 43 pages. Challenges the current monocultural perspective of the Thanksgiving holiday. Concise, informative, organized.

***Understanding Indian Treaties As Law.*** Prepared by Russell Barsh. Printed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, Washington State. September 1990. 74 pp. OSPI, Old Capital Bldg., PO Box 47200, Olympia, WA 98504-7200. Concentrates on basic knowledge expectations in an attempt to identify critical learning for the student in grades 9-12 (can be adapted easily). Concise, informative, organized.

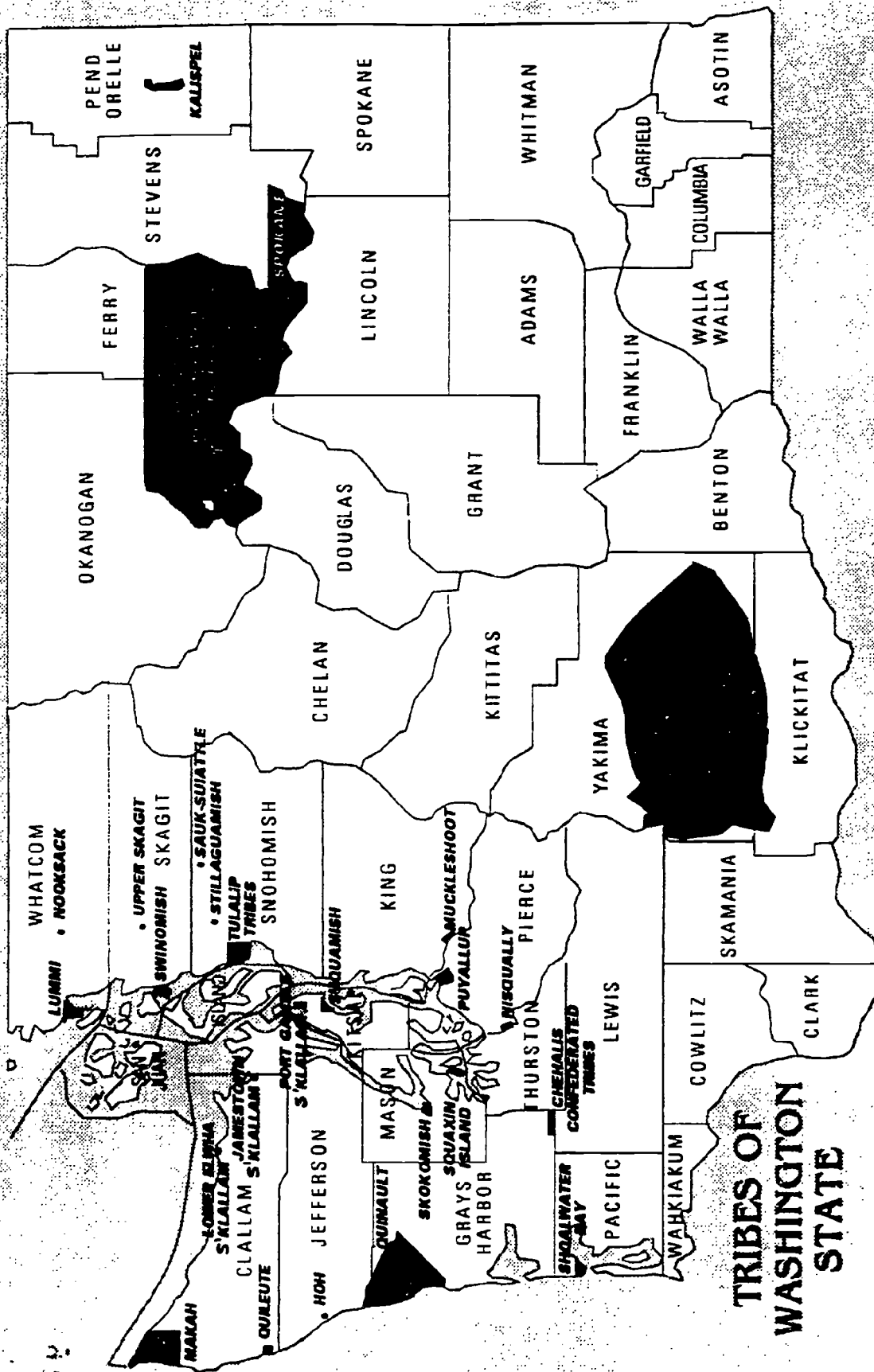
*"One who attempts to survey the legal problems raised by Indian treaties must at the outset dispose of the objection that such treaties are somehow of inferior validity or are of purely antiquarian interest.....Although treaty making itself is a thing of the past, treaty enforcement continues."*

Felix Cohen's Handbook of Federal Indian Law (1942)

# Major Watersheds of Washington State



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- ## TREATY AREAS
- 1 Medicine Creek Treaty
  - 2 Point Elliott Treaty
  - 3 Point No Point Treaty
  - 4 Makah Treaty
  - 5 Quinalt Treaty

## Section 9

### Columbus in History and Historiography

The Quincentennial offers a splendid opportunity to test a deeply held belief, namely that a study of history is most valuable to students as a tool to help us make sense of today. Examining a historical period--even one as distant as that of Columbus--should enable us to draw contemporary lessons from it. But as with any historical period, the history of its interpretation, i.e., its historiography, must be understood to avoid the pitfalls of bias and distortion. Often this history of history writing is as telling a lesson for our times as the historical events themselves. This is particularly true with the events of 1492 and their aftermath. Because much of the writing on Columbus draws on his own letters and journals, ideology and *a priori* assumptions are essentially what distinguish one account from another.

The advent of the five hundredth anniversary of Columbus' landing produced the first broad reassessment of Columbus and serious critique of how he has been portrayed in history books. Some maintain that this is a justifiable and long overdue response. Others believe that there has been an overreaction, that the critique has become caricature, as one-sided in its condemnation of Columbus and his legacy as the heroic and celebratory vision it decries.

Five hundred years after Christopher Columbus encountered the Western Hemisphere, the world is still dealing with the consequences of that event. The critical issues in the Western Hemisphere today either mirror or are historical extensions of the conflicts and contradictions which surfaced when Europe penetrated into the "New World." Race relations, treatment of minorities, poverty, an unbalanced and unequal economic development, protest, resistance and revolt, the destruction of the environment, the unending search for identity--all ramify out from 1492. The Columbus enterprise is rich in possibilities for seeking historical origins, identifying problems we have inherited and drawing parallels and comparisons with our own time. We should undertake the task fully aware of the ideological and cultural spins that have been put on that history; yet we must recognize that the yawning gap between the living event and its subsequent interpretation will probably forever mock our efforts.

The historiography surrounding the European discovery of America yields important insights into the preconceptions of historians and chroniclers over half a millennium. Columbus, himself, was the first interpreter of America to Europe. In his diary entry of October 12 he wrote, "at the moment of my departure I shall take from my place six of them [Native Americans] to your Highnesses so that they may learn to speak.[sic]" Since they could speak no Indo-European tongue, Native Americans were mute; thus,

from the beginning the New World was perceived through a Eurocentric optic--first "discovered" and then invented by the Old World.

Columbus' early stature was reflected in the fact that Amerigo Vespucci, the adept Florentine publicist, not Columbus, endowed two continents with his name. The Genoese mariner's stormy relation with the crown, his administrative failures and ultimate eclipse by the spectacular exploits of the next generation of conquerors diminished his role in the early histories. While his son Fernando wrote a sympathetic biography, Peter Martyr, an Italian cleric, downplayed Columbus' role in the "discovery" period. Another priest, Bartolomé de las Casas, who wrote the first comprehensive account of the Columbus' voyages, was understandably more interested in defending the Indians than in protecting the reputation of Columbus.

It was not until the end of the sixteenth century that Columbus was resurrected as a symbol of European progress and expansion. As the centuries passed, memory of the dark underside of the European discovery and conquest of America faded and a belief that the episode had been an inevitable chapter in Europe's grand march of progress and *mission civilisatrice* took root. To be sure, English writers, looking to promote the black legend of Iberian iniquity, often pilloried the Spanish for the oppressive system they imposed on the New World. Ben Jonson, for example, was an early critic of Columbus.

Yet in time, Englishmen began to write admiringly of Columbus, as much for his singular will and individualism as for his defiance of the Spanish crown. William Robertson, a scholarly Anglican minister, polished the image of Columbus as a solitary figure who, by dint of his heroic will, overcame the obstacles of a pettifogging and mercenary Spanish court. During the eighteenth century British colonists in North America seized upon Columbus as a symbol of a "new American man." By 1792, Kings College in New York City was renamed Columbia and the new capital was called the District of Columbia. Secondary school texts began to use Columbus as a means to teach patriotic lessons and forge a national identity.

During the nineteenth century U.S. histories and teaching were largely shaped by Washington Irving's worshipful, romantic account. History writing in turn served the aims of the state, linking the individual to dominant mythologies and reinforcing desired political and social values through heroic example. Irving's glorified view of Columbus as unvarnished hero became the standard U.S. interpretation and held sway down to our time.

As the century progressed, Columbus came to symbolize the "Manifest Destiny" of the new nation in its expansion westward, the reunification of the nation after the Civil War and the conquest and subjugation of the North American Indian. Two years before the four hundredth anniversary of Columbus' landing was celebrated across the U.S., the fate of the Plains Indians was sealed at the battle of Wounded Knee in South Dakota. Twenty-six U.S. soldiers received the Medal of Honor for the slaughter of 300 unarmed men, women and children.

This was also the era of social darwinism and the attendant belief in unfettered entrepreneurial capitalism. Rugged industrialists and strong-willed corporate pioneers set out to discover new economic horizons and conquer virgin markets at home and abroad. Moreover, as the nation grew more ethnically diverse, the white population yearned for a non-Anglo-Saxon hero.

By the last decade, the U.S., now a continental nation, had embraced Alfred Thayer Mahan's theories on the influence of sea power in history and was poised for its first major expansion into the Caribbean and Pacific. A nation "ripe for empire" discovered in Columbus the mythic hero it needed to embody its hegemonic design. The emergence of new anthropological theories regarding "primitive" and "advanced" societies, along with the conviction of a "civilizing mission" to justify imperialism completed the transmogrification of Columbus into a political and cultural hero for the U.S.

The correlation between the adulation accorded Columbus and the particular circumstances of U.S. history is underscored by the absence of any such hero-worship in either Canada or Mexico. The former has no towns or holidays named for Columbus and the latter assiduously ignores Columbus while exalting its Indian heritage. By the close of the nineteenth century the U.S., on the other hand, had created the goddess "Columbia" as the nation's symbol.

The U.S. government marked the four hundredth anniversary of the "discovery of America" with a year-long celebration that resonated in every town and school. The Pledge of Allegiance, taken from a children's magazine, was adopted at the behest of President Benjamin Harrison in 1892, as part of the patriotic exercises he ordered held in primary and secondary schools to celebrate the quadricentennial.<sup>1</sup> The lavish "World's Columbian Exposition" in Chicago was hailed as "the Jubilee of Mankind"--unaware perhaps of Jubilee's Old Testament origins as a time for remembrance and redressing of wrongs--and New York placed the "Discoverer" atop a towering column at Columbus Circle in mid-Manhattan. Today, Columbus is the only non-American (and moreover, one who never set foot on the North America mainland) who is honored with a national holiday.

Once agreed that the encounter of 1492 had resulted in a triumph for civilization, it took little effort to emphasize subsequent accomplishments and soft pedal cruelties and injustice. In the end, if the bare, uncompromising face of history was too much for us to behold, we simply wrapped it in myth, sentiment and inspirational rhetoric. Indeed, a late nineteenth century work by Justin Winsor, which constituted a frontal assault on the legend of Columbus, suggested to many a lack of perspective on the grand design--a caviling mind and a querulous spirit--and so was not taken too seriously.

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<sup>1</sup> More recently, in 1988, support for the same pledge including the words, "under God," added in 1954, became a test of the candidates' patriotism during the presidential campaign.

In 1942, on the four hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the discovery, Samuel Eliot Morison published his admiring study of Columbus, to universal acclaim. The author, an admiral himself, lauded Columbus' seamanship and concentrated on the four voyages. No work of scholarship specifically took Columbus and his generation to task for their treatment of Native Americans. Morison, although calling the disastrous population decline "genocide," dismissed it as a detail, as if, Howard Zinn points out in his *People's History of the United States*, somehow Indian genocide did not matter so much.

Morison's work soon became the standard source in English. Antonio Ballesteros y Beretta's *Cristobal Colón*, also in two volumes, was published in Spanish two years later and was the most complete and well-rounded discussion to date. Mexican historian Edmundo O'Gorman's *The Invention of America*, published in English in 1961, presented the first critique of the idea of discovery and the later effect it has on men's minds.

In a revealing 1966 article on the historiography of Columbus since 1939, Martin Torodash barely touched upon the issue of Columbus' harsh treatment of the Indians or his initiation of some of the more oppressive practices of Spanish colonial rule. It finds space, on the other hand, for such burning issues as the debate over where he was born, whether he was really a converted Spanish Jew (the most notable proponent of this thesis being Salvador de Madariaga), whether he got to America first (most agree now he did not), where he actually first landed, the argument over the significance of the titles granted him, and where his bones rest today. Only in the last paragraph, in reviewing Carl O. Sauer's work *The Early Spanish Main*, did Torodash refer to a serious critique of the man's shortcomings. The author points out that this "iconoclastic synthesis" is not a flattering portrait of Columbus, "heap[ing] blame upon his head for the nefarious traffic in Caribs." There is not a word in the entire essay that the Native American encounter with Columbus proved to be lethal for tens of thousands of indigenous peoples in Columbus' lifetime and millions in the course of the next two centuries.

If scholars skirted the issue of the plight of Native Americans, textbooks for college and secondary schools often ignore it completely. The good Columbus remained enshrined in our histories and school texts through the first half of the twentieth century and lamentably, in many of our texts even today. To be sure, some school texts now include a section on the "First Americans" and a few biographies have appeared with unflattering things to say about Columbus to balance the hero worship earlier. But none have given any significant space to Native Americans, or held Columbus accountable for his treatment of them.

Most textbook accounts still dramatize Columbus' life and exploits and downplay the demographic disaster. If they do tarry to analyze the plight of the Indians, they pass it off as one of those unhappy (but probably inevitable) accidents of history or trivialize the issue in understatement. The eminent U.S. historian Daniel Boorstin, in a widely used high school text he co-authored with Brooks Mather Kelley, writes matter-of-factly in his only reference to the demographic catastrophe: "European diseases killed thousands of Indians." William Bigelow, in a recent examination of primary and secondary school

sources, concludes that young readers are conditioned to accept social hierarchy, racism and colonialism.

Thomas Bailey and David Kennedy wrote in their popular college and high school text *The American Pageant* (1987 edition, page 2) that the "American continents were slow to yield their virginity," and lay "awaiting its discoverers" as if nothing of importance occurred until the Europeans arrived. The conscious or unconscious attitude that the New World was an empty vessel waiting to be filled with Europeans and Old World progress is refuted eloquently in Francis Jennings' *The Invasion of America*. Moreover, it unwittingly reinforces the notion, elaborated by Kirkpatrick Sale, of the rape of a continent.

Texts continue to refer to the vocabulary of "discovery" in the way we have heard it since grade school. Yet America was not discovered in 1492 any more than Spain was discovered in 218 B.C. by the Romans. Columbus did not discover a new world; he made contact between two worlds, both already old. The New World which Columbus encountered in 1492, was in fact many lands and cultures. If discovery is used it probably should be pluralized to "discoveries"--mutual and multiple.

By the 1970's cracks appeared in the Columbus edifice. Hans Koning published his damning account of Columbus in 1976 and as quincentennial preparations began, Columbus sailed headlong into a revisionist squall. The commemoration of 1492 provoked a backlash from those who saw the European landing as historical tragedy and who took issue with the glorifiers. Among them were:

- Native Americans concerned about the decimation of their ancestors, land and cultures
- African-Americans repulsed by Columbus' introduction of the slave trade.
- Jewish people linking the funding of the voyages to the Spanish fortunes created by the forced exile of the Jews in 1492.
- Environmentalists outraged by deforestation and other assaults on the eco-systems of the New World.
- Christians embarrassed by the way their faith was imposed on Native peoples and became an instrument in conquering and colonizing America.
- Women, angered at the rape and concubinage of Native American women, and who reject the Great Man emphasis in history.
- Non-European peoples incensed by the continued Eurocentric teaching of history.



- Human rights advocates appalled by a policy of maiming of Indians as punishment for their not handing over their treasure to the Spaniards.
- And countless others sympathetic to any of the above perspectives.

In the 1980's, other writers began to balance the historical treatment of Columbus. Howard Zinn, for example, included a provocative critique on the human costs of "progress" initiated with the discovery of America in the first chapter of his *People's History of the United States*. The essay has become a classic indictment of the Columbus enterprise. Tzvetan Todorov masterfully deconstructed Columbus' mindset and behavior--especially toward Native Americans--and found him wanting.

The current debate ranges from a Eurocentric defense of Columbus to an implacable hostility to his endeavor. Traditionalists like Irving and Morison at one pole are counterposed to vehement detractors like Kirkpatrick Sale at the other. Sale characterizes the enterprise as unredeemably evil and responsible for everything from genocide against indigenous populations to the institutionalization of slavery and the impending ecocide of the planet. In Sale's account Columbus stands guilty of *lese-nature*: a crime against nature itself.

Quincentenary groups are similarly split. For example, the Washington State Senate's Resolution no. 8412, March 31, 1989 passed unanimously by both houses of the legislature in the Spring of 1989, declares 1492 a year "to reflect upon and celebrate the significance of the events which have occurred in the Americas since the Genovese navigator, and sponsor for the Spanish Crown, first discovered the lands and befriended the peoples of the Western Hemisphere." The National Council of Churches has responded to 1992 with a declaration that the encounter constituted an invasion that resulted in genocide.

The chasm dividing the sides can be illustrated by juxtaposing the views of the mayor of Columbus, Ohio with those of anthropologist Jack Weatherford. The former recently asserted in part seven of the Public Broadcasting series "Columbus and the Age of Discovery" that Columbus reflected "all the things that are good and right and decent and honorable about our country." Weatherford counters in his work that Columbus "symbolizes everything that is against basic American values." Russell Means of the American Indian Movement shuns all restraint in saying that Columbus "makes Hitler look like a juvenile delinquent."

Recent works considered at least qualifiedly favorable include those by Daniel Boorstin, Zvi Dor-Ner, and Carla Rahn and William D. Phillips. Unreconstructed apologists are almost nonexistent today. Scholarly works by Felipe Fernández-Armesto and Paolo Taviani and the popular account by John Noble Wilford, generally fall somewhere in the middle of the two extremes. Most recent works are balanced accounts that avoid hagiography and address the baleful consequences of the encounter for Native Americans.



Half a millennium after the Santa Maria made landfall on the tiny Caribbean Island of San Salvador, the historical Columbus is enmeshed in Quincentenary disputes over the nature of his enterprise, the morality of his actions, and the enduring legacy of the encounter between Native Americans and Europeans. The history of the centuries after Columbus--despite the self-glorification and legend-building--in the end replicated the characteristics of those first encounters: inequality, avarice, exploitation, dominion and hierarchy, and the alternating cycle of order and resistance. The Quincentennial debates flow into the current discussion over multiculturalism, social and environmental policy, and analyses of economic underdevelopment. If the Quincentennial has stimulated a re-examination of these still unresolved problematics, then it will have been worthwhile.

## SOURCES

See also Section 2., and Section 10. for additional references, directories and study guides.

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**Horne, Gerald.** *Thinking and Rethinking United States History.* New York: Council on Interracial Books for Children, 1988. Although aimed at secondary school, the book is useful to show the subtle (and not so subtle) influences of the dominant ideology in 12 of our major history textbooks. It points out omissions and inaccuracies and has a good section on Columbus, Native Americans and the African slave trade. \$16.95 from CIBC, 1841 Broadway, New York, NY 10023.

**O'Gorman, Edmundo.** *The Invention of America: An Inquiry into the Historical Nature of the New World and the Meaning of Its History.* Bloomington: University of Indiana Press, 1961. 177 pp. O'Gorman challenges the notion that places/things can be discovered and argues that America was more invented than discovered.

**Provost, Foster.** *Columbus: An Annotated Guide to the Scholarship on his Life and Writings, 1750 to 1988.* Providence, RI: Omnigraphics, 1991. 225 pp. Useful source for college libraries, the work includes foreign language sources, and an index organized by author, historical personage, place and theme.

**Russell, Jeffrey Burton.** *Inventing the Flat Earth: Columbus and Modern Historians.* New York: Praeger, 1991. 117 pp. Focusing on the myth of European belief in a flat earth, Burton examines the 19th century historiography of Columbus.

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*Rethinking Columbus: Essays and Resources for Teaching about the 500th Anniversary of Columbus' Arrival in the Americas*. Milwaukee: Rethinking Schools, 1991. 96 pp. Both articles and extensive listings of resources for teachers at both elementary and secondary

school levels. Available for \$6.00 from *Rethinking Schools*, 1001 East Keefe Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53212. Telephone: 414-964-9646.

**Russell, Jeffrey Burton.** "Inventing the Flat Earth." *History Today* 41 (August 1991): 13(7). Burton reveals how the Middle Ages were maligned and Columbus' feat distorted by the creative fiction surrounding Columbus in later generations.

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**"Columbus and the Age of Discovery."** Boston: WGBH, 1991. Seven-part public broadcasting television series. Although it presents the negative side, overall this is a favorable account that emphasizes the grandness of the man and his enterprise. Available from WGBH Collection, PO Box 2053, Princeton, NJ 08543.

***The Columbus Controversy: Challenging How History is Written.*** Video 24 minutes. American School Publishers, PO Box 4520, Chicago, Illinois 60680. In treating the issue of the consequences of the encounter for the original cultures and peoples of the Americas, this video explodes the myths of Columbus, the hero. A counterweight to the PBS series, "Columbus and the Age of Discovery."

## Section 10

### Other References and Directories

#### Part A. Encyclopedias and Reference books relating to Columbus

Since encyclopedic articles are an important first step in the research process, it is often advisable for students to begin their research by perusing encyclopedic entries as a way of becoming familiar with the basic issues relating to a particular subject. Moreover, since encyclopedia editors tend to seek experts in a field to write the entries, the bibliographies that accompany these entries are generally excellent sources for beginning inquiry. The following include encyclopedic references as well as other useful references.

*The Christopher Columbus Encyclopedia.* Silvio Bedini et al. ed. New York: Simon & Schuster, 1992.

An extensive two-volume encyclopedia of materials relating to Columbus and his times, including contemporary history both in Europe and the Near East, explorations of the Americas, and the rise of the myths about Columbus. The encyclopedia is especially good in giving cogent overviews of issues such as economics, slavery, trade, and technology at the time of Columbus's voyages. Entries are signed, authoritative, and include a selective bibliography for each entry. Also contains some illustrations and excellent maps.

*Columbus Dictionary.* Foster Provost, ed. Detroit: Omnigraphics, 1991. 142 pages.

Crisply written entries, cross-referenced, on people, places, events and terms.

*Dictionary of the Middle Ages.* New York: Charles Scribner and Sons, 1987.

Good background on a number of issues relating to Columbus and the Age of Exploration. Entries on geography including navigation, exploration, and map-making; religious entries pertaining to Columbus include detailed discussion of the reformers, the heretics, Islam, and the Franciscans. Iberian history includes detailed entries on the elimination of the *covivencia* with the *Reconquista* of Ferdinand and Isabela. Articles contain authoritative bibliographies.

***The Encyclopedia Americana.*** Danbury, Connecticut: Grolier Incorporated, 1986.

While this edition of the encyclopedia is somewhat dated a new edition is scheduled. The entry on Columbus is well-balanced and detailed. Aimed towards a beginning researcher, this entry appraises Columbus fairly as an explorer. It is, however, silent on the issue of colonization and its consequences. The bibliography on the other hand is extensive, but not annotated.

***The Encyclopedia of Religion.*** New York: Macmillan Publishing Company, 1987.

Good entries on placing Columbus in the medieval world including his essentially medieval cosmography with a literal terrestrial paradise and mines of King Solomon from scriptural sources as well as his belief in his role in the approaching Apocalypse. Extensive articles on the various Native American Indian traditions as well as their compromises with Christianity, especially Hispanic Catholicism. All entries, which are signed, are by major authorities in the field and include annotated bibliographies.

***European Americana: A Chronological Guide to Works Printed in Europe Relating to the Americas 1493-1776.*** New York: Readex Books, 4 volumes to date, 1980-1988.

A massive bibliography, with listings, year by year, with more volumes to come.

***New Catholic Encyclopedia.*** New York: McGraw-Hill Book Company, 1967.

A traditional treatment of Columbus for students who are researching the mythologizing of Columbus. Despite its lack of balance or inclusion of information that depicts the darker side of Columbus's explorations, this entry is an excellent example of the making of a hagiography of his life.

***The New Encyclopaedia Britannica.*** Chicago: Encyclopaedia Britannica, Inc., 1988.

Despite the lack of an up-to-date bibliography (a new edition of the Britannica is being published this year), the entry contains an objective and detailed chronology leading up to and including the four voyages. The emphasis in the entry is upon Columbus's explorations and his relationship to both men and to the crown, rather than his treatment of the native peoples. Hopefully this latter issue will be redressed in the forthcoming 1992 edition of the Britannica. The bibliography, while small, is pertinent.

## **Part B. Maps**

**Mollat, Michel et al.** *Sea Charts of the Early Explorers, 13th to 17th Centuries*. New York: Thames and Hudson, 1983. 298 pp. 100 color plates. This is a translation of the French *Les Portulans: Cartes Marines du XIIIe au XVIIe Siècle*. A comprehensive and beautiful book.

**Nebenzahl, Kenneth.** *Atlas of Columbus and The Great Discoveries*. Chicago: Rand McNally, 1990. 160 pp. 50 color plates. This is another beautiful atlas, found in many library reference sections, that delineates the efforts to map the world during the age of exploration and "discovery." Text and fine reproductions of 50 maps.

## **Part C. Directories and Sourcebooks relating to the Quincentennial**

**Barreiro, José, Editor.** *View from the Shore: American Indian Perspectives on the Quincentenary*. A special Columbus Quincentenary Edition of *Northeast Indian Quarterly*, Fall 1990. A collection of articles, interviews and essays exploring the effects of Columbus's arrival on indigenous people--the 'other set of eyes' looking out from the New World shores on the eve of contact. **Of note: This issue contains an excellent annotated bibliography on "Caribbean Encounters."** Available for \$12.00 from Akwe:kon Press, 400 Caldwell Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853.

**Buisseret, David and Tina Reithmaier, ed.** *A Guidebook to Resources for Teachers of The Columbian Encounter*. Chicago: The Newberry Library, 1992. Written primarily for teachers of high school and college English, this is an extensively annotated sourcebook of materials, whose chapters encompass general works, the Americas before Columbus, Western Europe on the eve of expansion, Columbus and the first contacts, cultural encounters, and Columbian consequences. Available at no charge from: The Hermon Dunlap Center for the History of Cartography, The Newberry Library, 60 West Walton, Chicago, IL 60610.

**Morris, Karin, ed.** *500 Years of Resistance: 1992 International Directory and Resource Guide*. Oakland, California: South and Meso American Indian Information Center, 1992. An excellent, comprehensive sourcebook focussing on the 1992 response of indigenous peoples in all the Americas. Includes indigenous declarations relating to 1992, a calendar of major 1992 events, curriculum resources, speakers bureaus, computer networks, audio-visual and media resources, other resource guides, and a comprehensive organizational directory of not only indigenous organizations, but cultural and education organizations and clearinghouses. Available for \$10.00 from the South and Meso American Indian Information Center, PO Box 28703, Oakland, CA 94604.

***Rethinking Columbus*** A special issue of *Rethinking Schools*. Milwaukee, Wisconsin: 1991. 96 pp. Both articles and extensive listings of resources for teachers at both elementary and secondary school levels. Available for \$6.00 from *Rethinking Schools*, 1001 East Keefe Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53212. Telephone: 414-964-9646.

Sorenson, John and Martin Raish, ed. *Pre-Columbian Contact with the Americas Across the Oceans: an Annotated Bibliography*. Provo, Utah: Research Press, 1990. Extensive annotated bibliography on Pre-Columbian peoples and their cultures. An excellent reference.

#### **Part D. Curriculum Materials and Study Guides**

***The American Journey, 1492-1992: Call to Conversion***. An 8-session course of study developed by the Pax Christi organization. Encourages reflection on the historic, economic, political and spiritual legacies of the Conquest. Pax Christi, 348 E. 10th Street, Erie, PA 16503.

***1992 NACLA Reports***. The North American Congress on Latin America has published a four-part series of magazines on the Quincentennial: "Inventing America, 1492-1992," "The Ecology of the Americas," "Native Peoples of the Americas," and "The Black Americas, 1492-1992." Each one comes with a study guide. The whole set is \$20.00, from NACLA, 475 Riverside Drive, Suite 454, New York, NY 10115.

***Navigating the Quincentennial: A Question of Balance***. St. Paul, MN: Minnesota Council for the Social Studies, 1991. Contains lesson plans, activities, themes, approaches to the Quincentennial plus articles and an annotated bibliography. Presented as antidote to a celebration of the accomplishments of European conquest. Available for \$8.00 from the Minnesota Council for Social Studies, 1377 Sumner Street, St. Paul, MN 55116.

***Responding Faithfully to the Quincentenary***. A study/action packet produced by the Racial Justice Working Group of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA. Includes essays, a chronology, bibliography and action suggestions. Racial Justice Working Group, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10115. Telephone: 212-870-2298.



## **Section 11**

### **Major Quincentennial Events in Washington State**

#### **A. ONGOING PROGRAMS**

##### **Burke Museum, University of Washington**

**"Canoes of the Northwest Coast"**  
Currently on display for an indefinite period.

This exhibit features 8 Pacific Northwest tribal canoes. For more information, contact Sally Erickson, 206-543-9762.

##### **Washington State Capital Museum**

**"Traditions and Transitions: American Indians of Southern Puget Sound"**

A semi-permanent exhibit on display indefinitely. For more information, call: 206-753-2580.

##### **Washington State Commission for the Humanities**

**"Seeds of Change: 500 Years of Encounter and Exchange"**

A scaled-down version of the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History quincentenary exhibit is available through the Washington State Commission for the Humanities. (The impressive book related to this exhibit, edited by Herman Viola and Carolyn Margolis, is listed in Section 5 of the Sourcebook.) For more information call: 206-682-1770.

##### **University of British Columbia Museum of Anthropology, Vancouver, BC**

Houses an extensive collection of Northwest coast Native art objects. The museum has 11,000 objects in visual storage, 6000 of which are Native American. Excellent displays of totem poles, canoes and wooden sculpture. See special events below. For information, call: 604-822-5087.

## B. YEAR-LONG PROGRAM

### Western Washington University

Western has been awarded a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to sponsor a year-long Public Humanities Program on the Columbus Quincentennial. "The program has been constructed to make available to the people of Northwest Washington some of the best scholarship and literature on European exploration and expansion and the subsequent cultural and social impact on both European and American peoples." In addition to the NEH and Western, sponsoring agencies include the Bellingham Public Library, Whatcom Museum, Northwest Indian College, Whatcom Community College and Skagit Valley College.

Activities include a public lecture series, an adult reading program at the Bellingham Public Library, and a luncheon series at the college. For additional information, call Elizabeth Mancke, Project Director, Western Washington University, 206-676-2939. The lecture series schedule follows:

#### Fall Quarter 1992

October 12	Alfonso Ortiz: <i>Native Americans and the Columbian Quincentenary</i>
November 5	Carla Rahn Phillips and William D. Phillips: <i>Portugal, Spain and the Old World Background to Columbus's Voyages</i>
November 12	David Bevington: <i>The Tempest and the New World</i>
November 19	David Buisseret: <i>Mapping the New World, Creating the New World</i>

#### Winter Quarter 1993

January 21	Alfred Crosby: <i>Ecological Imperialism</i>
January 28	Jack Weatherford: <i>Indian Gifts to the World</i>
February 4	Jaune Quick-To-See Smith: <i>Contemporary Native American Art</i>
February 11	Walter Echo-Hawk: <i>Native Religious Freedom: 500 Years After Columbus</i>
February 18	Thomas E. Chavez: <i>The "Black Legend Revisited": Hispanics in the New World</i>
February 25	Rudolfo Anaya: <i>The Voices of America: Multiplicity Without Dissonance</i>

### **Spring Quarter 1993**

- April 8                Jacqueline Peterson: *Father De Smet and the Indians of the Rocky Mountain West*
- April 15              James Ronda: *The View from Fort Clatsop: Lewis and Clark and the Peoples of the Pacific Northwest*
- April 22              Richard White: *The Environments of Contact*
- April 29              Gerald Vizenor: *The Heirs of Columbus and the American Dream*

### **C. OTHER SPECIAL PROGRAMS, EVENTS, AND EXHIBITS**

#### **KCTS, Channel 9 (PBS), Seattle**

**October 11, 1992:** "Columbus's Magnificent Voyage." A three-hour series recreating the voyage of the Pinta, Niña and Santa Maria via replicas of the three ships. An "old world-new world look at the crossing, worlds lost and found and celebrations and protests associated with Columbus' coming to the Americas."

**October 12, 1992:** "Surviving Columbus." A two-hour series featuring stories from Pueblo elders, scholars and leaders. Archival photographs and historical artifacts depict the 450 year struggle to preserve the Pueblo culture, land and religion despite European contact.

For more information, call: 206-728-6463.

#### **University of British Columbia Museum of Anthropology, Vancouver, BC**

**October 20 and dates thereafter.** President Lecture Series, on "First People 1992: A Long and Terrible Shadow." Co-sponsored by the First Nations House of Learning. For information, call: 604-822-5087

#### **Seattle Art Museum, Seattle**

**October 22, 1992 - January 3, 1992**

*Documents Northwest Series: "1492/1992"* An exhibit featuring the work of six Washington and Oregon artists. For more information, contact Claudia Hanlon, 206-654-3143.

**Allen Library, University of Washington, Seattle**

**April 2, 1993 to May 7, 1993**

*"New Worlds: Ancient Texts: The Cultural Impact of an Encounter"* This traveling exhibit, mounted by the New York Public Library in conjunction with the American Library Association with funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities, will trace the transforming effects of the 15th century voyage of exploration on European thought and culture from 1450 to 1700.

**Center on Contemporary Art, Seattle**

**Opening in April, 1993**

*"Decolonizing the Mind: End of a 500 Year Era"* An American Indian exhibit in response to the quincentennial. Curated by Joe Fedderson and Gail Tremblay, the exhibit will contain installations by over 50 native artists including Truman Lowe and Susie Bevins. For more information, call: 206-682-4568.

**En'owkin Centre, Penticton, British Columbia**

**Spring 1993**

The Centre is planning a spring 1993 conference at the National Museum of Civilization in Ottawa, Ontario of Native American artists, writers and performers. For more information contact the Centre at 257 Brunswick Street, Penticton, BC, V2A 5P9, Canada. For more information, call: 604-493-7181.

**Daybreak Star Arts Center, Seattle**

**September 25 to October 30, 1993**

*"The Submuloc Show/Columbus Woks"* Sponsored by Atlatl, the national service organization for American Indian Arts, this exhibit is a visual commentary on the Columbus Quincentennial from the perspective of America's First People. The show uses visual art to examine the question of "Who is Columbus?" from a viewpoint informed by the Native American Experience. For more information, contact Steve Charles, Manager of the Daybreak Start Arts Center Sacred Circle Gallery at 206-285-4425 or Carla Roberts, Executive Director of Atlatl at 602-253-2731.

**One World Theatre Company, Seattle**

*"Ka-hanuka Ka-poos"* A touring company presents this fringe theater production of Jeanette Allen's play about the Nez Perce. For more information contact Andy Allen, in Seattle, at 206-632-6553.

**D. TRIBAL MUSEUMS**

During this year commemorating the encounter of Indian and non-Indian cultures, everyone is encouraged to visit the tribal museums to examine the ways and history of Washington's first people.

***Colville Tribal Museum, Coulee Dam.***

Operated by the Colville confederated tribes, the museum helps increase awareness of Indian culture and traditions. Arts and crafts are on display and for sale. Telephone: 509-632-5713.

***Makah Museum and Research Center, Neah Bay.***

Major museum featuring 500 year old items from Ozette and more contemporary materials on Makah people. Telephone: 206-645-2711.

***Suquamish Museum, Suquamish.***

Excellent exhibits on the Suquamish people, the boarding school experience, and the archeology of Old Man House, a mammoth longhouse. Telephone: 206-598-3311.

***Steilacoom Tribal Cultural Center and Museum, Steilacoom.***

Displays on the Steilacoom people and occasional traveling exhibits. Located in historic church. Telephone: 206-584-6308.

***Yakima Nation Cultural Center, Toppenish.***

Permanent exhibit on history and culture of Yakima peoples, a recreated tule mat lodge, and temporary art displays. Telephone: 509-865-2800.

## **Part C. Appendices**

## **Appendix A.**

### **About the Sourcebook Contributors**

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**Angela Gilliam** holds a 1975 Ph.D from Union Graduate School, and has done research in Mexico, Brazil, and Papua New Guinea. She has published widely on language and power, development, gender, race/ethnicity and class, and the effects of U.S. foreign policy in the Middle East and Pacific Islands. She has been active in women's issues, worked with non-governmental organizations at the United Nations, produced women's and international affairs programs for radio, and organized film festivals around the themes of social justice and African struggle. She is a member of the faculty in anthropology at The Evergreen State College.

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